

The Liquor Problem.

The question of the coming plebiscite on the question of prohibition has already attracted considerable attention in Ontario, more perhaps than in any other province in the Dominion. It is now that the municipal elections are over, that it will no doubt receive still greater attention. It is but three years since a plebiscite was taken in Ontario, and a majority of nearly 85,000 declared that this province was ready for prohibition. A few weeks later, on Feb. 6th, 1894, Sir Oliver Mowat stated in reply to a prohibition deputation that his government would give the Province a prohibitory law if it could be constitutionally so to do, or the largest measure of prohibition it was possible to grant. Since Sir Oliver Mowat's removal to Ottawa, Hon. Mr. Hardy, the Ontario Premier, has stated that he accepts the pledge of Sir Oliver as binding on him.

Some time ago a temperance deputation waited on Mr. Hardy and submitted a number of amendments which the Alliance wish to have made to the Act so that it would be more effective. This deputation Mr. Hardy received cordially, and promised to give the suggested amendments his best attention.

Two or three weeks ago the liquor dealers sent a deputation to the Ontario government asking that their interests be considered in any legislation proposed. The members of the deputation were given a patient hearing and an assurance that their views would be considered "equally" with those of the temperance deputation. Mr. Hardy also indicated that he was leaning towards the liquor deputation, suggesting that the temperance and liquor deputation leaders agree upon the changes to be made. This assurance and pleasantness have given rise to some public criticism by prohibitionists, who think they are in a backward tendency. At the same time an agitation has sprung up for more radical amendments in certain directions than recommended by the July convention. The chief point being pressed for is the abolition of the bar-rooms so that the Ontario law, in this respect, should conform with the very radical liquor legislation of Nova Scotia. All prohibitionists are, however, fully agreed in pushing for the most advanced legislation they think possible from the Hardy Government. As the premier, Mr. Hardy, in some years recognized the strength and importance of the prohibition cause, and in his public utterances has repeatedly pledged himself to legislate accordingly, there is a little curiosity, not unmixed with anxiety, as to what course the government will pursue, and whether the temperance deputation or the liquor deputation will receive the greatest favors; or will one be allowed to neutralize the other, and the result be nil.

In the meantime the plebiscite campaign should not be lost sight of, as it is the Ontario Government only which has the power to prohibit. The Ontario and all other provincial governments can only restrict the traffic.

Time.

Time is the solemn inheritance to which every man is born heir, who has a life of this world, a little section cut out of eternity, and given us to do our work in; an eternity before, an eternity behind; and the small stream between floating swiftly from one into the vast bosom of the other. The man who has felt with all his soul the significance of time, will not be long in learning any lesson that this world has to teach him. Have you ever felt it? Have you ever realized how your own little streamlet is gliding away and leaving you along with it towards that awful other world of which all things here are but thin shadows, down into that eternity towards which the confused wreck of all earthly things are bound? Let us realize that that something, of time, and the infinite meaning which is wrapped up in it, has taken possession of our souls, there is no chance of our ever feeling strongly, that it is worse than madness to sleep that time away. Every day of our lives has its work, and every day, as it rises out of eternity keeps putting to each of us the question: "What will you do before to-day has sunk into eternity again?"

And what have we to say with respect to this strange, passing thing, time? That men do with it through life just what the apostles did to one precious and irreplaceable hour of it in the Garden of Gethsemane—they go to sleep! Have you ever seen these marble statues, standing so peacefully in the garden, which art has so finished into a perennial fountain that through the lips or through the hands, the clear water flows in a perpetual stream on and on forever, and the marble stands there—passive, cold, making no effort to arrest the gliding water, it is so that time flows through the hands of men, swift, never pausing till it has run itself out, and there is the man petrified into a marble sleep, not feeling what it is which the destiny of nine men out of ten accomplishes itself, slipping away from them, aimless, useless, till it is too late. And we are asked to realize that that something, of time, we intend it shall be? Yesterday, last week, last year, they are gone. Yesterday, last week, last year, they are gone. Yesterday, last week, last year, they are gone.

day was such a day as never was before and never can be again. Out of the darkness and eternity it was born, a new fresh day; into darkness and eternity it sank again forever. It had a voice calling to us of its own—its own work, its own duties. What were we doing yesterday? Idling, whiling away our time in light and luxurious literature, not as life's relaxation, but as life's business? Thrilling our hearts with the excitement of life, contriving how to spend the day most pleasantly? Was that our day?

All this is but the sleep of the three apostles and now let us remember this: there is a day coming when the sleep will be broken suddenly, with a shock. There is a day in our future lives when our days shall be counted not by years, nor by months, nor yet by hours, but by minutes; the day when unmistakable symptoms of death have come to us. That startling moment will come, which it is vain to attempt to realize now, when it is felt it is all over at last, that our chance and our trial is gone forever. For the moment that has tried not to this day, shrunk from, put away from us, here it is, going to, like all other moments that have gone before it; and then with eyes unsealed, at last we shall look back on the life which is gone by.

Make haste, O man to live, For thou so soon must die; Time hurries past like the breeze, How swift the moments fly. They are passing away, those sweet, swift years, Like leaves on the current cast, With never a break in their rapid flow, We watch them as one by one they go Into the beautiful past.

CONFESSIONS.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.

TO THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF STIRLING. GENTLEMEN.—You have been elected to manage the affairs of our village for another year, and I take it for granted that you purpose doing so to the very best of your ability, and that you have the best interests of the village and its inhabitants at heart. As to the finances and general business it is not necessary to call your attention to the importance of faithfully doing that work, for you are men who have personal as well as financial interests at stake. But there is a question of more importance than dollars and cents, and a moral one—the license question, which it is hoped you will strive to remedy. Why should we have the liquor houses, a wholesale (2) shop, and, if reports are true, another place where liquor is sold without license? Madoc, a large place has many liquor houses, and has only two hotels, Brighton, which boasts of 2,000 inhabitants, has only two, while Stirling, which can muster scarcely half as many inhabitants, has three. That licensed hotels, besides a wholesale (2) house and an illegal grocery.

As far as accommodating the travelling public is concerned, one house could do as much as three. If we have three, either, so the others are here serving no good purpose, and have nothing to show but the drunkards they make. If the license sale of liquor is a good thing, why not license half a dozen, or a dozen more? And if it is not a good thing why license the evil at all? There is no license for a minority, in the interest of pure and undefiled religion, and for the good of our village we ask you to refuse license to these houses this year. Some of you have sons and daughters. Do you wish your sons to become drunkards, and your daughters drunkards' wives? If you do just say so by licensing these places. Is it not the general opinion in the village and country around that the young men of Stirling nearly all drink? Is it not a fact that on our last Thanksgiving Day a number of young men at that time were either drunk or in a state of semi-intoxication, as well as some older ones? And, as you all know, that was not the only occasion when such things took place. If the above is true, and you know it is, why should you grant license another year? But, if you will grant license this year, we will expect you to enforce the license law.

Whatever excuse may be presented for hotel license, such as accommodation for travellers and such like, there certainly can be none for a wholesale (2) house. We would, therefore, in the name and interests of morality and religion beg of you to refuse licensing any of these houses this year, and especially the so-called wholesale one.

S. CROOKSTANKS.

Stirling, Jan. 5th, 1897.

The distress among the poor of Buffalo, N. Y., is stated to be unprecedented.

The United States deficit for the first six months of the current fiscal year is \$85,000,000.

Experts pronounce the coronium found in North Hastings as being of the best quality.

Experiments tried with X rays in Toronto upon eighteen blind persons, show that the optical organs were not changed in the least and remain sightless.

The unusually mild weather of the first few days of the New Year has not been confined to Ontario. In Manitoba, where there is usually steady cold weather, there was last week very mild weather and rain.

Mr. Wm. Robb, of Belleville, has been appointed to the position of master of the Grand Trunk Railway at London, Ont. for all the lines west of Toronto. Mr. Robb has been for some time in the G. T. shops at Belleville.

A Barnado boy named Bert Davis, about eighteen years of age, who has been living for some time with Fred Grenville, a farmer about two miles out of Thorold, shot Grenville in the neck with a revolver. It is supposed that Davis intended robbery as well as murder.

If Clothes Go Bad Complain.

We had a man complain the other day because a suit had not given satisfaction. Think of it, Oak Hall clothes not right! He said he would not wear them. Have any of you anything to complain of, is anything you ever bought from us not as represented? If so, let us know. If so, then complain; give us the opportunity to make things right. If not, we are not disappointed. Oak Hall, Belleville.

TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words For Busy Readers.

CANADIAN.

Hon. Thomas McGreevy, ex-M. P. for Quebec, was elected to the House of Commons.

The curfew bell was rung for the first time in Ottawa on New Year's night.

Mr. Jos. Talt, ex-M. P. for York County, has been appointed Superior Court clerk for York County.

The London Y. M. C. A. Hall, costing \$30,000, was opened with a New Year's reception.

Mr. Peter York, of Parkhill, shot his brother Ernest fatally, mistaking him for a burglar.

Sir Joseph Hickson, late General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, died in Montreal.

Hon. Jas. Prendergast has resigned his seat in the Manitoba Legislature for St. Boniface.

A heavy storm is raging in Manitoba, and railway traffic has been seriously interfered with.

The local option bill, which was voted on in Kingston, was defeated by a majority of 92.

Five more pitch grass buoys will be placed on the shoals in the St. Lawrence River, next season.

The militia list corrected to the 1st of January, 1897, has been printed and is now ready for issue.

The Manitoba winter is becoming uncertain. A regular thaw, with rain, is reported at Winnipeg.

Hon. Mr. Prendergast told a Winnipeg reporter that the school question had nothing to do with his resignation.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt in Ottawa shortly after twelve o'clock on time in Ottawa on New Year's night.

Mr. Chas. Habermeil, a farmer living near Haven, was thrown from his buggy while going to vote and killed.

In the Toronto Majority contest Mayor Fleming was re-elected by a majority of 1,555 over A. L. McMurriel.

General Manager Hays and other officials of the Grand Trunk inspected the company's new car shops at London.

Mr. Murdoch Farquhar McLennan, one of the best known residents of Glenora county, died at his home on Saturday aged 72.

While the Canadian nurses at present employed in Buffalo hospitals will not be deported, care will be taken not to increase their number.

Mr. Edward Hackett, Conservative member for West Prince, P. E. I., has been unseated on a charge of bribery and treating by a agent.

Robert Glass, a ten-year-old London boy, was rescued from drowning in the Thames by a companion named Lewis Feddersen, nine years old.

Detective Silas H. Carpenter, of the Halifax secret service, has been appointed chief of the Montreal detective force to succeed Chief Culien.

D. McFarlane & Co.'s stationery warehouse at Montreal was destroyed by fire. Other buildings on the same block were also burned.

It is stated that the franchise of the N. A. Power Company for the building of the Canadian power tunnel has been extended for four years.

The trial of the election petitions in the St. Antonio and St. Lawrence divisions of Montreal, which it was proposed to drop, will be pushed after all.

The South Seas Trading Company's building at Kingville was damaged by fire. A lot of canned goods was destroyed, and the loss will reach \$50,000.

The cattle which were destroyed at Belton, Ont., on Nov. 7, were suffering from tuberculosis and not pleuro-pneumonia, as reported.

Dr. Marcotte, Conservative M. P. for Champlain, admitted corrupt practices by agents before the House, and judgment was given unseating him.

Father Cloutier, Roman Catholic chaplain at the Stony Mountain penitentiary, has been suspended by the Laurier Government on account of politics.

It is believed that the question of closer relations with the colonies will occupy a portion of the Queen's speech at the opening of the Imperial Parliament.

Mr. Richard Barnes, of Stouffville, 88 years of age, was stricken with paralysis while returning from paying a call on Thursday afternoon, and died a few hours later.

The will of the late Lieut.-Governor Fraser was probated at Fredericton. The estate is entered at \$11,000, which is bequeathed to the deceased's family and near relatives.

While skating on the ice at Loughboro' Lake Charles Brady, aged nine years, went through the ice and was drowned.

The coroner's jury at the same place several years ago.

Land Commissioner Hamilton, of the C. P. R., says that the sales of Manitoba lands exceed all records the past few months. The demand is good and farmers are paying up well.

Mr. James Ray, an Ancestor farmer, reports that two masked robbers entered his place and while one of them pointed a revolver at him the other secured a bag containing \$307.

The Senate of the Western University of Canada, after discussing the proposal to federate with the Toronto University and Trinity College, decided to take no action for the present.

The creditors of Mr. S. Messner, the Formosa banker, held a meeting. The affairs of the old man are in very bad shape, and he is unable in his statement to explain how his losses occurred.

Mr. Greenway's speech of the 16th inst. in Winnipeg, foreshadowing a Government repurchase of railway lands in the Northwest for the creation of free grants, is favorably received in England.

An investigation of the death of Mr. John Hamill, of Waterford, held by St. Thomas, shows that it was due to pneumonia, and not to a party house scene, as alleged.

Mr. J. W. McLaughlin, bookkeeper for Mr. A. Leclair, of Lancaster, found two burglars in his employer's store at midnight. The burglars were Mr. McLaughlin without effect, and one of the burglars was found on the roadside badly wounded the next morning.

A farm laborer named George (Fifth in the employ of James Cartwright, a farmer near Havelock, was taken to the barn and cut his throat with a blunt pocket-knife, severing the windpipe and gullet. His recovery is doubtful.

Mr. C. F. Glickens, General Manager of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company, is of the opinion that the port of navigation between Montreal and Quebec can be greatly extended by the use of a properly-constructed vessel to break the ice.

Mr. Alex. Lanctot and his son Frederick were stabled at Montreal by a gang of Italians who waylaid them near their home. The father sustained a wound to the head and the younger is in a very precarious condition. Two of the Italians have been arrested.

There is a movement on foot among a number of Toronto sporting men to make a pool for the purpose of sending champion Jake Gaudaur and Eddie Durman, Ned Hanlon's nephew, abroad. It is proposed that enough money be raised to send the pair to England, and probably Australia, and give them all the backing they want.

Mr. George A. Kirkpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, is living at the South Street hospital in London, which is the same private institution at which Dr. Jameson of Transvaal fame, is being treated. At a consultation of Mr. Kirkpatrick's physicians it was decided that an operation was necessary, and this will be performed upon the arrival of Mrs. Kirkpatrick, in about ten days.

UNITED STATES.

The masters of Milwaukee claim that corn and chemicals have practically supplanted barley in the production of beer.

San Maclean (the Rev. John Watson, D. D.) says the richest class in America aim at a close imitation of English country house life.

For the year ended December 1st there were 1,804 accidents in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania, in which 497 persons were killed.

The engagement is announced of Miss Myrtle Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., and the Hon. Arthur Majorbanks, the brother of Lady Aberdeen.

Contracts for the construction of two Japanese cruisers were signed at Washington by representatives of the Union Iron Works of San Francisco and Cramp & Sons.

The body of W. A. Hammond, Second Vice-President of the National Bank of Illinois, has been found hanging near the pier from which he jumped into the lake at Chicago.

A mob of 600 people gathered at the jail at Jefferson City, Mo., on December 31st, to break out the prisoner, Tobie Lane, a prisoner. Gov. Stone persuaded the mob to disperse.

Assistant District Attorney John F. McIntyre, of New York, has resigned his position and sailed for England to take part in the defence of Edward J. Ivory, the alleged dynamiter.

A warrant was issued in Montreal on Sunday for the arrest of Mr. M. Tardif, editor of La Verite, Quebec, who is charged by Mr. Louis Fréchette, the Canadian poet laureate, with criminal libel.

Alfred Holt, negro, charged with the murder of Policeman W. A. White, was taken from the jail at Owensboro, Ky., by a mob, on December 30th and hanged to a tree in the town square. He was Kentucky's sixth lynching in as many days.

The filibustering steamer Commodore left Jacksonville with a cargo of arms and ammunition for Cuba. Three miles below the city she stuck in the mud and the revenue cutter Boutwell, passing down the river, pulled her off and escorted her safely across the bar.

Plentiful rains are reported to have fallen over large areas of India.

The submission of over 1,000 native brigands in Formosa is reported.

The Porto has received serious news of military disaffection in the provinces. Moderate Republicans were very successful in the elections for the French Senate.

London was enveloped in a heavy black fog on Saturday, and business was practically at a standstill.

Up to Monday there had been 2,094 cases and 1,494 deaths from the bubonic plague in Bombay.

Visitors to Haverdian say that they have not seen Mr. C. J. Distante in better health for some time.

A public meeting in Dublin formulated a protest to be submitted to Parliament against the excessive share of taxation which Ireland is compelled to bear.

Two of the assassins of Premier Stamboulof at Sofia were found guilty and sentenced to three years' imprisonment each. One was the coachman of the victim.

Reports that Maceo, the Cuban leader, is alive are becoming more positive in tone. It is said he will visit the United States soon to restore confidence in his cause.

The filibustering steamer Commodore, which sailed from a United States port with nations of war for the Cuban insurgents, sank near Mosquito Inlet. Her crew landed in Florida.

Senator Canovas de Castillo, the Spanish Premier, says that Spain would not accept the intervention of the United States in Cuba nor introduce reforms until the rebellion is confined to the eastern portion of the island.

It is said that the agreement of Powers for the enforcement of reforms in Turkey is complete, with the exception of the methods to be pursued and the time of putting the measures into operation.

A severe famine, caused by floods, is reported in Western China. A large portion of the harvest of Chuan Tung, on a Gulf at the bend of the Kineha River, was carried under the flood by a landslide and 3,000 of the starving Chinese were drowned.

A submarine cable has been completed from Emden, Prussia, to Vigo, Spain, which links the German telegraphic system with the South American and other systems. Capital has been furnished by an Anglo-German syndicate, for the construction of the section of a submarine cable between Germany and the United States, via the Azores.

Senator L. de Soveral, the Portuguese Premier, says that Portugal has been made Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael an St. George for the services he rendered to Great Britain in the restoration of the dispute between England and Brazil as to the ownership of the smaller of the two islands of the Azores.

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For this purpose, the chamber and work furniture may be thoroughly cleaned by scrubbing with brush and salt water. The floor should be scrubbed with a solution that should be washed with salt and water and rubbed dry. This keeps them from becoming brittle and cracking. The traffic is heavier. Brooms soaked in water and scrubbed over the floor break. Bedroom floors are not soiled and very fresh in summer if wiped with a solution of salt and water. Strong salt water. All mice, fleas, roaches and pests are also destroyed by this rubbing and washing.

It has been made several weeks, another delicious sweetmeat is prepared orange peel. Select oranges with perfect skins, wipe them with a damp cloth, and weigh them. Peel the fruit, taking the skin off in quarters, then cut it into straws. Cover the peel with hot water and let it boil fifteen minutes. Drain off the water and again cover the peel with water and boil until the straws are tender. Meanwhile put into a preheated kettle the weight of the fruit in granulated sugar and squeeze over the juice of the oranges. Put the straws over the back of the fire where

seems to be the natural thing, as the book of Genesis represents the people as having been thus destroyed without leaving any trace or remnant behind. The fact that now these districts are a dreary waste, and by the Arabian geographers called "the land of nothing," is the best evidence that in earlier times this was not different, and this valley not really a vision of paradise.

form.

TO FIT THE CRIME.

You don't look like a hard citizen, but you plead guilty to the charge of being found in a gambling resort. I ought to inflict a fine at least \$5—

But, your Honor, I was intoxicated, or I wouldn't have—

Drunk, too, were you? The fine will

Call the next case!

JAS. MILNE & SON.

POULTRY!

How to dress Turkeys, Chickens, Geese & Ducks.

Starve for twenty-four hours. Bleed dry, pick small feathers, leave tail and wing feathers on.

Bring us all you have. We will buy every day.

HIGHEST PRICES PAID

If all accounts and notes are not paid by 20th of this month we will be compelled to place them in other hands for collection.

JAS MILNE & SON.

FOR SALE.—One first class Coal Stove, as good as new. J. M. & Son.

1865 1897

We take this opportunity of thanking the public for their liberal patronage during the past year.

For over 30 years this firm has been doing business in Stirling.

We exercise the utmost care to furnish nothing but reliable goods and at the closest possible prices. We are desirous of meeting the wants of each and every customer, and in these days of keen competition we are hustling to be on top.

We buy at the closest possible figure, and you will find our prices in all our lines as low, and in most cases, lower, quality considered, than those of anyone in the trade.

We solicit a continuance of your trade, and promise you the utmost attention and courtesy that we have always tried to exhibit to our customers.

We guarantee all goods we sell, and, as in the past, we will exercise the greatest care to keep our goods up to the highest standard, and aim to keep our name

A Guarantee of Quality.

Respectfully Yours,

CHAS. E. PARKER.

Parker's Drug and Book Store

Anson.

Miss Cathelia McConnell, teacher at Mount Zion, Hungerford, spent her holidays with her parents.

Rev. G. McConnell and J. H. Paul of Albert College, Miss Gae McConnell of Springfield, and Miss Gae McConnell of Blairton, were the guests of Mr. Ira McConnell last week.

Seven nuns belonging to a convent at Reboval, Quebec, lost their lives by a fire which destroyed the convent yesterday.

In Nebraska farmers are using their corn for fuel. The market price is only nine cents per bushel, and it is worth more than that for fuel.

Madoc Junction Items.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Miss Rosa Reid, who has been visiting Miss Lottie Clarke, of this place, has returned to her home in Big Springs. Miss Maude Eggleton, of Stirling, and Miss Annie Salter, of Belleville, spent New Year's with Mrs. A. W. Andrews. Quite a large number of old friends gathered at the home of Miss Maggie Juby to partake of a bountiful New Year's dinner.

A family gathering, numbering about thirty, were gathered at the home of Mr. Walton Eggleton, where a very pleasant time was spent, on Tuesday, December 29th.

The Hornerite revival is still in progress.

Pay Strict Attention.

Please pay strict attention to this. No body is anxious to lose an opportunity to save money. Yet that is what you will do if you ignore this advertisement. Skip the news about the slaughter of the Mataheles and pay more attention to the big warm winter at the Oak Hall, Belleville, are selling for \$5. Right now is the time to buy when all the sizes are complete.

PARKER BROTHERS BANKERS, STIRLING ONTARIO.

A General Banking Business transacted.

4 per cent. allowed on Deposits. Drafts bought and sold on all parts of Canada, United States and Great Britain. Money to let on Mortgages at low interest. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. F. B. PARKER. R. PARKER, M.D.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local columns will be charged as follows: To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under, 25 cents; over three lines, 75 cents per line. Matter set in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line. To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains leave at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST. GOING EAST.

Mail..... 6:24 a.m. Mail..... 2:50 p.m. Mixed..... 6:05 p.m. Mixed..... 10:50 a.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1897.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The band serenaded the successful candidates in the recent municipal election on Wednesday evening.

Look at E. Taylor's Bargain Ad. in this paper. It will surprise you.

The North Hastings Agricultural Society will hold their annual meeting in Stirling on Wednesday, Jan. 20th. See adv't.

The Trenton Press is the title of a neat little four page paper issued from the town of Trenton, making the third paper in that town.

The Annual meeting of the Rawdon Township Agricultural Society will be held at the Town Hall, Harold, on Wednesday next, the 18th inst. See adv't in another column.

The first meeting for the municipal councils for 1897 will be held on the 2nd Monday in January, and not the third Monday as formerly. County councils will meet on the fourth Tuesday in January as usual.

Anniversary Services will be preached next Sunday, Jan. 10th, in the Methodist Church, Bethel, Rawdon Circuit, at 10:30 a.m., and 7 p.m., by Rev. J. W. Wilkinson, of Frankford. The annual tea meeting will be held on Monday evening, when addresses will be delivered by Revs. J. W. Wilkinson, C. L. Thompson, and others. The choir will discourse sweet music. Tea served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, 75c. double, 40c. single.

The entertainment given by the children of St. Andrew's Sabbath School, on the evening of New Year's day, was a great success. The lecture room was literally packed, and the lengthy programme was well rendered, and listened to attentively. Where so many took part it is impossible to particularize, sufficient to say that all gave their parts exceedingly well, showing careful training and preparation. The patriotic drill by sixteen young ladies, and the cantata of "Mother Goose and her family," were leading features in the interesting programme.

The installation of officers of Stirling Lodge No. 239, I.O.O.F., took place on Wednesday evening last. The D.D.G.M. of this district, Rev. J. A. Black, of Thomsburg, was present and installed the officers as follows:—E. T. Ward, N. G.; Geo. B. Hagerman, V. G.; Geo. L. Scott, R.S.; W. S. Martin, P.S.; Jas. Currie, Treas.; T. H. Knox, Warden; J. Earl Halliwell, R.S.N.G.; Wm. Megginson, L.S.N.G.; N. Lanktree, R. S. V. G.; David W. Fox, L.S.V.G.; J. S. Gault, H. H. Harris, I. G.; Wm. Ashley, O. G.; W. F. Hanna and C. C. Cavley, R. and L.S.S.; L. Meiklejohn, Chaplain. After the installation ceremony interesting addresses were given by the district deputy, J. E. Halliwell, B.A., and others.

The Municipal Elections.

The election in this village on Monday last was one of the most hotly contested for years. All day teams were driven through the deepening mud bringing voters to the poll, and in consequence almost every available vote was cast. At the close the candidates and their friends eagerly watched the counting of the ballots, and were correspondingly elated or depressed, according as the figures showed they were elected or not.

The following are the figures given at the close:

FOR REEVE. G. L. Scott.....116 Morden Bird.....112 Majority for Scott 44

FOR COUNCILLORS. T. H. McKee.....164 J. F. Cooney.....110 G. G. Thrasher.....110 H. S. Ferguson.....105 C. J. Boldrick.....103 D. H. Harris.....76 A. H. Kerr.....48 The village council for 1897 is therefore composed of G. L. Scott, Reeve, and T. H. McKee, J. F. Cooney, G. G. Thrasher, and H. S. Ferguson, councillors. Mr. Ferguson is the only one of last year's council re-elected. Messrs. Scott and McKee have both served in the council previously, and Messrs. Cooney and Thrasher are new men.

County Council Elections.

The full returns of the vote for County Councillors in this district is not yet to hand, but there appears no doubt but that F. B. Parker, of this village, and J. W. Pearce, of Marmora, are elected by good majorities. In this village the vote stood as follows:—F. B. Parker, 290; Jas. Duncan, 48; J. W. Pearce, 89; John Tanner, 29. In Marmora, Mr. Pearce took a large vote.

In the fifth division, which includes Huntingdon, Hungerford and Tweed, Messrs. Jas. Clare and Andrew Kirk are elected by large majorities.

In the sixth division, Madoc and surrounding district, the returns are not all in, but it is believed that T. Cross and Jas. English are elected by good majorities.

Induction Services.



REV. S. S. BURNS, B. A.

The induction of the Rev. S. S. Burns, B.A., into the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Stirling and West Huntingdon, will take place on Tuesday evening, the 12th of Jan. at 7:30 p.m., in St. Andrew's Church, Stirling. Rev. J. D. Boyd, of Kingston, moderator, is expected to preside; Rev. E. W. Mackay, of Madoc, to preach; Rev. T. J. Thompson, of Belleville, to address the minister; Rev. D. McPhail, Picton, to address the people. The public generally are cordially invited to attend.

The Westport Mirror of Dec. 31 says: "Rev. S. S. Burns preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening last to a large congregation. He took for his text John xiii, 23, his theme being love. He spoke with intense feeling of the great interest he had taken in the church here. He deeply regretted leaving the tie which bound them as people and pastor, but the bitterness of parting was partially alleviated, knowing that he was taking with him the kindest and best wishes of the people to whom he had ministered in spiritual affairs for the past four years. He hoped to see them soon settled with a spiritual head who could calm the tempests of trouble that are sure to arrive. During the reverend gentleman's pastorate in this village he has made many warm friends of all denominations, and was greatly esteemed as a citizen. He worked faithfully in the interests of his church."

The same paper also gives an account of the dedication of the new Presbyterian church in that village on the Sabbath previous. The church will seat comfortably 500 people, and cost about \$7,000, which has been provided for with the exception of \$1000. The congregation showed their esteem for Rev. Mr. Burns in a marked manner, and regret his departure from their midst.

Glen Ross.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. R. Bradshaw was the guest of Mr. J. B. Weaver on Sunday last. Mrs. Geo. Winter and family, of Murray, are visiting at Mr. Winter's. Mr. R. Wagar, who has been spending his Christmas holidays with his father and mother near Napanea, returned home on Monday evening last. Our teacher, Mr. J. T. Courtice, commenced work on Monday, the 4th inst., with a good attendance of pupils. We heartily wish him a prosperous year.

The thaw has ruined the ice bridge on the river Trent, and we have a plentiful supply of mud.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wade have returned to Toronto after spending the holidays at Mr. Mark Anderson's. On Wednesday last the ratepayers of S.S. No. 22 had a lively time over the election of a trustee. The contest was between Mr. J. B. Weaver, the retiring trustee, and Mr. Mark Anderson, and resulted in the election of Mr. Weaver.

Amicus.

From Our Correspondent.

New Years passed off quietly, owing to the lack of snow. —E. J. Tanner, mail carrier, reports very bad roads. —Richard Kerr is suffering from a kick from his horse. Election is the talk of the day. —The other evening, while Mr. Bruce was getting into his cart the wheel broke, giving him a hard fall to the ground. —A St. Hill Society has been organized at Beulah Corners. —A lot of the Hornerites attended the Conference in Ottawa last week and report a good time. —Mr. Henry Kerr is spending his holidays at Marmora. —Miss Kingston has returned home from a stay in London. —One of our friends thinks of going to Ireland in the near future.

Those 55 Ulsters.

The Ulsters the Oak Hall sell for \$5 are not a common shoddy rag that goes all to pieces in a month or two, you know we have always had the very best for \$5.00 in Belleville. This year we beat last season's coat by quite a bit. It is longer, better cloth, and better made. We invite comparison between this coat at \$5 and any \$7 coat sold elsewhere in Central Ontario.

PERSONALS.

Miss McCurdy, of Belleville, is visiting at Mrs. H. Warren's.

Miss Clarke, of Belleville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Boldrick, Gore St. Mr. John Maclean, of Belleville, has been visiting with Mr. Jas. Parker.

Mr. Jas. Parker returned to Queen's University, Kingston, on Wednesday last.

Mr. A. Judd and Miss Anderson are visiting relatives and friends in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wight and son, of Napanica, Man., are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Jas. Chambers returned to Toronto on Monday last, to resume his studies.

Mr. O. P. Butler, of Marmora, was home on a visit on Sunday and Monday last.

Miss P. Denyes returned last week from spending a week with her mother in Belleville.

Mr. Cameron Brown, editor of the Sun, has been elected one of the aldermen of Belleville.

Mr. H. L. Boldrick left on Tuesday morning for Toronto to resume his law studies at Osgoode Hall.

Messrs. Wm. and John Johnston, of Hastings, have been visiting relatives in town during the past week.

Misses Eva and Ada Greenleaf, of Belleville, have been visiting in town, the guests of Miss Ethel Demill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Greenleaf, of Belleville, spent a few days this week with Mrs. Greenleaf's parents in town.

Mr. Harry Black, of Toronto, was visiting parents and friends during the holidays, and returned on Monday last.

Miss Marion Pogue left for her home in Little Britain on Monday last, accompanied by her sister, who has been visiting her.

Mr. J. S. Macdonnell, of Toronto, spent New Year's in town, the guest of Mr. Jas. Parker. On Sunday evening he sang a solo in the Presbyterian Church.

Married.

JONES-BLAKEY.—At Marmora, on Dec. 31st, by Rev. C. M. Harris, JOHN JONES to HANNAH BLAKEY, daughter of Geo. Blakely.

STIRLING MARKET.

Butter—13c to 14c per lb. Eggs, fresh—14c to 15c. per doz. Farmers' Lard—10c to 10c per lb. Potatoes—50c to 60c per bag. Apples, green, 25c. to 35c. per bag. Beans—75c to \$1.00 per bus. Onions—75c. per bushel. Chickens—6c. per pound. Geese—5c to 6c per lb. Ducks—7c to 8c per lb. Timothy seed—\$3.00 to \$3.25 per bus. Hay—\$12.50 to \$15.00 per ton. Oats—25c to 22c per bus. Peas—40c to 45c per bus. Peas (large) 50c. to 55c. per bushel. Rye—32c. to 35c. per bus. Barley—25c. to 35c. per bus. Buckwheat—35c. to 40c. per bus. Wheat—75c. to 77c. per bus.

SPECIAL SALE OF TEAS.

During this month I will give the public better value in TEAS than they ever received in Stirling.

I am selling a good TEA 7 lbs. for \$1.00. Try 1 lb., if not as represented will refund your money.

FLOUR, BRAN, and SHORTS.

When requiring the above lines give me a call and you will save money. The Bran and Shorts are put up in 100 lb. sacks,—no trouble weighing or filling up bags.

All kinds of Farmers' Produce taken in exchange for goods. Cash paid for Hogs weighing from 100 to 175 lbs.

WM. HOLDEN.

N. B.—All parcels delivered promptly to any part of town.

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WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

START RIGHT. Come to us for all you need in RUBBERS, OVERSHOES, HAIR-LINED MOCCASINS,

and you will be practising Practical Economy from the beginning.

Large assortment to choose from. Prices lowest.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.

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FACTS THAT PRESENT THEMSELVES.

AN OPEN WINTER.

CLOSE TIME FOR MONEY.

The CROWN ROLLER MILL doing a good trade J. BOLDRICK & SON still to the front for nicely got up Overcoats, and very low price for the quality.

We have now entered upon a new year, and we will try and make every one around us happy and prosperous. We hope the public will sustain us in this, and wish success to

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

ALL WINTER FOOT WEAR MUST GO. We will not carry over any Winter goods. So if you want Bargains in Men's Hair-lined Moccasins, Boy's Overshoes, Men's Overshoes, Men's Socks and Rubbers, Men's long Felt Boots,—all must go.

It will pay you to call on us. This is no fake—we mean business.

BROWN & McCUTCHEON.

TAKE NOTICE!

ALL PARTIES INDEBTED to the undersigned will please call and settle. I must have money at once, and no put off.

REPAIR ACCOUNTS, both Reaper and Threshing Machine, must be paid before the end of the month, or they will be put in other hands for collection.

E. F. PARKER.

HARDWARE!

AXES!

Good new Axes for 50c. and 65c.

The LEADER Cross Cut Saw.

See our LANGE TOOTH BUCK SAWS.

Also, CIRCULAR & HAND SAWS.

BUCK SKIN MITTS from 25c. to \$1.

Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Nails, Iron, Glass and Putty.

Just received, a car of 15 inch Pine SHINGLES at \$1.25 per thousand. Extra value.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

Wanted.—BRIGHT MEN AND WOMEN canvassers for Canada and Australia. "Queen Victoria; Her Life and Reign." Introduction by Lord Dufferin. A thrilling new book. So marvellous. The Queen as girl, wife, mother, monarch. Reads like a romance. Grandly illustrated. Big commission. Book on time. Prospects free to canvassers. Exclusive territory. Lots of money in it. THE BRADY-GARRITT CO., Ltd., TORONTO, ONT.

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STIRLING, HASTINGS COUNTY, ONT., THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1897.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

T. E. OLIVER, D.D.S.,
DENTIST,
HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, and M. B. C. D. S. of Ontario.
Office—Over Parker's Drug Store.
Will visit Marmora every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M.B.
GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF Toronto Medical College. License of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario.
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

G. G. THRASHER,
SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, &c. Office over Park's Drug Store, Stirling, Ontario.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, B.A.
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISSIONER, &c.
Office over Boulter's store, Stirling.

C. D. MACALUFA,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC., OFFICE, Bridge Street, Belleville, Ont.
Money to loan at lowest rates and all interest.

W. P. McMAHON,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, Conveyancer, &c., Belleville, Ont.
Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.
Offices, East side Front St.

FLINT & McCAMON.
BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES Public, &c. Solicitors for the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Money to Loan at Lowest Rates and no Commission Charged.
Office—City Hall, Belleville.
JOHN J. FLINT, W. J. McCAMON.

JOHN S. BLACK,
CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR taking Affidavits. Office, over the store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

BAILIFFS AND AUCTIONEERS.
CHARLES BUTLER and HARRY HARTING, Bailiffs and Licensed Auctioneers for the Stirling District. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, issuer of Marriage Licenses, as usual. Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE
NO. 239.
I. O. O. F.
Meets in the Lodge room, Conley block,
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
At 8 o'clock. O. P. BUTLER, R. S.

DENTISTRY.
C. L. HAWLEY, D.D.S.
TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling personally, every Friday, and all the modern improvements known to Dentistry, will be used for the painless extraction and preservation of the natural teeth. Rooms at Scott House.

INSURANCE.
Who wait until you see your neighbor's house on fire before you think of your own? Just call at my house or drop me a card, and I will attend to it at once.
WESLEY MASON,
Springbrook.
B. C. HUBBELL,
MARMORA.
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND Justice of the Peace for county Hastings.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS,
JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue; also, Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

THIS FALL

we show a lovely lot of Ladies' and Misses' Felt, Sailors and English Walking Hats in black and all the newest fancy colors.

Also,
Ostrich Tips and Plumes,

Ospreys and Wings.

All the above are new importations and much lower in price than you purchase from the regular Millinery stores.

Come to us for your Fall and Winter Jackets—our prices are right and you can't get newer styles in Toronto or Montreal.

J. PATERSON,
SYNDICATE STORE,
BELLEVILLE.

We can give positions to persons of all grades of ability. Agents, clerks, book-keepers, farmers' sons, lawyers, mechanics, physicians, preachers, students, married and single women, who are seeking positions are worth \$400 to \$2,500 per annum. We have paid several canvassers \$50 weekly for years. Many have started poor and become rich with us. Particulars upon application, and if satisfactory and necessary, a personal interview will be arranged. This is an honest advertisement, and if you want to be better before you sleep, state salary expected. Address either to J. Paterson, 100 Front Street, or to the BRADLEY-GARRETTSON CO., Ltd., TORONTO, ONT.

Clubbing Rates.

We will club THE NEWS-ARGUS with the following papers at the subjoined rates:—

The News-Argus and—
Weekly Witness, \$1.60
Weekly Globe, 1.00
Family Herald and Weekly Star, 1.50

LOOK AT THIS!

A Bargain for Somebody.

Splendid Farm for sale or to rent, with or without Stock, only one mile from Stirling, 80 acres of good land, good brick House, large barn, 20x50, Driveway, and Stables combined, 25x50; also, Hogpens and Henhouse, good Well and Orchard, 25 acres fall ploughed, immediate possession given. For terms and particulars apply to the undersigned on the premises.
EDWIN NAYLOR,
Lot 12, Con. 2, Rawdon.

BRICKS! BRICKS!

Now is the time to secure Bargains in Brick. From 10 to 15 per cent discount on quantities of 5,000 and upwards for Cash.
E. NAYLOR.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A By-Law was passed by the Municipal Council of the Township of Rawdon on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1886, providing for the issue of Certificates for the amount of \$100 for the purpose of building a School House in S.S. No. 7, and that such by-law was registered in the registry office of Belleville in the County of Hastings on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1886. Any person who has or sets the same or any part thereof must be made within three months from the date of registration, and cannot be made thereafter. Dated the 11th day of December, 1886.
THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Clerk.

GRAIN WANTED.

The subscriber having leased the Tull-look elevator at Stirling station, is prepared to purchase all kinds of Grain for which he will pay the highest market price.
WM. RODGERS.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the North Hastings Agricultural Society will be held at the Stirling House, Stirling, on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, 1897, at one o'clock, p.m. Full attendance of the members is requested, as business of importance will be brought before the meeting.
T. H. McKEE, W. VANDERVOORT,
President. Secretary.
PETER FAIRGIE, Treasurer.

* WANTED *

100 Cords first class HARD WOOD, 100 Cords good quality SOFT WOOD, for which I will pay the highest going price.
T. H. McKEE.

Wanted.—Young women and men, or older ones still young in spirit, of undoubted character, good looking, and of good education, can find employment in a good cause, with \$50 a month and upwards, according to ability. Rev. S. L. Linscott, Toronto, Ont.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COY

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I WANT AN AGENT for the Stirling district, and will pay part salary to the right man. Apply to

S. BURROWS,
General Agent, Belleville.

Few People
HAVE EYES ALIKE.

Fully nine-tenths of those who wear glasses have different eyes in each eye. Sometimes one is a decided difference, in others only a slight variation. A careful examination will fail to bring out this difference, and the same lenses will be adjusted to both eyes, and head cases and eye strains that medicine fails to relieve are the result.

Get each eye SEPARATELY, select proper lenses, adjust glasses to suit both eyes.
W. H. CALDER, (Opt. G.)
Philadelphia Optical College,
EYES TESTED FREE.

FRUIT GROWERS AND GARDENERS

Should have the "Canadian Horticulturist," published by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. It contains pictures of fruits and flowers every month; instructions about cultivation, pruning, harvesting, packing, shipping of fruits, etc., and is in charge of a practical fruit grower. This is a monthly journal of 48 pages, and contains many illustrations; it will be enlarged with January number. It contains a floral department. Each subscriber will also receive the Annual Report with report of Fruit Experiment Stations, bound in cloth, at \$1.00 per annum. Sample copy free.

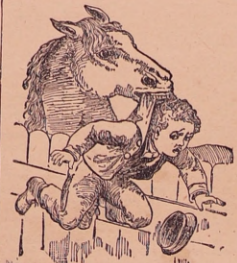
L. WOOLVERTON,
Secretary O. F. G. A., Grimsby, Ont.

Hog cholera has spread from Kent and Essex to the County of Middlesex, in Ontario.

Rev. Henry Blacklock, formerly curate at St. Thomas Church, Belleville, and who is still living in that city, has been notified that he has succeeded to the barony of Ailingworth, and is consequently now Lord Ailingworth. The title is one of the oldest in the English peerage.

Boys' School Suits.

It does not require much money to dress your boy neat. For instance: The Oak Hall, Belleville, will sell a coat, vest and pants suit, all wool, a great variety of patterns, for \$4. These are Sanford's celebrated mode, always good and always perfect fitting. If your boy is dressed shabbily, take this into your serious consideration.



We Want You to

TEST OUR GOODS.

We have a large stock of Heavy Winter Goods that we want to clear out before taking Stock.

Fur Coats, Fur Capes,

Fur Caps, Fur Jackets,

Fur Collars and Muffs,

Frieze Ulsters.

Woollen Underwear.

These are some of the lines we are making interesting to buyers, and we want you to receive some benefit from this Great Reduction.

Our ORDERED CLOTHING Department is booming, as the above cut represents the strength and make-up of our goods.

Can we interest you at

FRED. T. WARD'S?

The People's Tailor and Furnisher.

Mining in Hastings.

Barcroft Mines.

Several fine prospects have come to our notice lately, among them an extensive asbestos mine owned by Messrs. J. Fitzgerald and Thomas Netterville near Maynooth, and which has been bonded to New York syndicate represented by Mr. H. Baumgarten, who has become well known through his extensive mica operations here during the past season. Mr. Netterville informs us that the mica-bearing rock extends across the lot and is about eight feet wide. Development is to begin in the spring.

Some remarkable specimens were left at our office by Mr. Richard Peever, of Wingham. He has been in the lime business there for about fifteen years, and in the course of excavating has made what may yet prove to be valuable discoveries. One specimen is a beautiful amber-colored crystal, resembling phosphate, but having an octahedral form, resembling aspidolite. Other specimens containing lead or galena, and other minerals, making an interesting collection, were left by him. He is cautious about giving the location of the mines until his rights are secured, but his discoveries will likely be profitable to himself and their future owners.

The world's report concerning the mica mine on Mr. Geo. McLean's property is not quite correct. The mine is located on lots 20 and 21 in concession 10 of Duncannon, and owned by Mr. Geo. McLean. It consists of a tract 20 feet high, 90 feet long and 60 feet wide, of white mica, and is being negotiated for by a son of Senator Clemon, of Ottawa.

A valuable discovery is reported on Mr. George McLean's property, lot 20, concession 9, Duncannon. The ore resembles a good mispickite, and, being in the locality of the Knobs mine, will most likely carry gold and silver.

The report that Mr. Pusey had shipped a carload of corundum to a firm in the United States, is not correct. He did, however, send samples to the Hart Emery Wheel Company, of Hamilton, and it was pronounced of the very best quality.

A despatch to the Toronto World of Tuesday last says:

"I was received in the city yesterday by a number of gentlemen composing the Toronto Tudor mining Company that the men at work developing one of their properties in North Hastings, known as the Craig claim, struck plenty of good ore at a depth of twenty feet. This ore assays \$40 to the ton, which is looked upon as a first-class finding, considering the depth. There are eleven men at work on development, and the expert miner in charge says the ore is increasing as the shaft goes deeper. This part of the country is looking up."

Rawdon Council.

Minutes of a regular meeting of Rawdon Council held Jan. 11th, 1897.

The new council met on above date, were duly installed, and stood as follows:

B. O. Lott, reeve; Thos. J. Thompson, 1st deputy reeve; Wm. Rodgers, 2nd deputy reeve; Wm. Linn and Richard Clements, councillors.

Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.
Mayor McCConnell asked for a rebate of one dollar for statute labor, as the road master had certified he had performed the same. Granted.

The council decided to advertise for tenders for cedar for covering culverts. Said tenders will be received until Jan. 23rd.

It was moved by Mr. Lott, seconded by Mr. Linn, that whereas it is in the best interests of the township that all taxes should be paid by the 1st of February, in accordance with the statute that the Collector is hereby instructed to levy and collect all taxes not paid by March 1st, 1897, and that no further extension of time will be given.

Mr. S. S. Vandervoort asked for a remission of taxes owing to the loss of his creamery by fire. \$10 granted. Mr. Geo. Frost asked for a remission of taxes on account of the loss of his barns, feed and stock by fire. County and township rate granted, amounting \$12.75.

It was decided upon by the Council to grant no more rebates upon fire in future in the township.

A by-law was passed amending By-Law No. 170 re school debentures for S. S. No. 7. Also by-laws appointing assessors, auditors and a health officer.

Thos. Montgomery and J. W. Heagle, assessors; James Scott and Wm. Meiklejohn, auditors; and Daniel Wootton a health officer for three years.

The following amounts were ordered to be paid:

Washington McMullen, support Mrs. Morton, 12.00
Mrs. Opaty, 12.00
J. W. Sprague, assisting Dr. Sargent, medical examination, 4.00
Jas. Currie, printing 1896, 51.25
Municipal World, blanks 1896, 50
Wm. Leary, gravel station road C. P. R., 75
Alex. Johnston, Jr., support Wm. Wallace, printing 1896, 8.50
Simon Armstrong, repairing and fixtures for Hall, 1.80

Council adjourned until the first day of March.

Thos. C. McCConnell, Clerk.

Clothing That Will Wear.

Have you ever made a comparison of the wearing qualities of the different makes of clothing? Have you ever had a cheap suit at \$5, \$6, or \$7 and had it go all to pieces on a month's trial? If so, just try one of our suits at one of our prices and see the difference. No matter how low the price you do not find shoddy in our clothing.

Chatterton Chips.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Bellishe Cheese Factory closed down the day before Christmas after a very successful season. We understand that there was not one cull cheese the whole season, which reflects great credit on the cheesemaker, Gilbert Hough.

Miss Kate Vanderwaters talks of going to a Rochester, N.Y., hospital, as a nurse. We wish her success. She will be missed in our church, of which she is an organist.

Geo. Baugart has sold the east half of his farm to Stephen Bader. John S. Dickson, of Grenfell, is visiting his mother, who is ill, at Campbellford. He also called on his wife's relatives in Sidney. He reports lots of snow and good prices for wheat when he left the Northwest, about Christmas.

All of the schoolmaams who belong in this vicinity (and there are five of them) were fortunate enough to secure schools for the year.

Wm. Ward of the Turner's settlement, has sold his farm to his nephew, Edward Spencer.

Chatterton, Jan. 11. R.V.W.

Taffsville.

From Our Correspondent.

A special train passed through here on Sunday having on board Mr. Teffin, Mr. Chapman and Mr. J. McNab of the G. T. R., on their way to Belleville to meet the General Manager.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reid attended the Town-Scriptor wedding near Trenton on the 6th.

Rev. R. L. Edwards informed us that just before leaving West Hunting-ham last Sunday for this appointment his horse broke loose and ran away with the buggy, jumping over a high board fence. The buggy was damaged and the horse got off with only a few bruises.

A few of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clarke were invited to have lunch with them on Friday last. They all report having a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ashley of West Huntingdon spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Bella McEnroy is visiting at J. R. Clarke's.

Mrs. George Gay of Foxboro is spending a few days with her father, John Juby.

Miss Lottie Clarke has been confined in her house for a week owing to a severe cold.

Prophecy.

The prophecies of Scripture, taken in connection with history and the reports of modern travellers, afford a remarkable proof of the divine inspiration of the Bible. The Jewish people in their dispersion among all nations, the destruction of Chaldea and the destruction of Babylon, the life of our Saviour, and many other events have exactly fulfilled prophecy, and therefore the student of the Bible and of history is presented with overwhelming evidence for Christianity. In "Infidel Testimony," a pamphlet by H. L. Hastings, Boston, we find placed side by side prophecies of Scripture and extracts from the writings of the great skeptic, Volney, which show that noted infidel testified to the truth of prophecy. Although his testimony was unconsciously given it is none the less valuable on that account. Besides its evidential value prophecy is important from the fact that many of its ablest students believe the second advent of our Lord is not far distant. There is much in the prophecies to lead theologians to this opinion. The subject is therefore worthy of our study, and should be given the attention of every sincere inquirer after truth, as well as by the Christian, for besides its importance in the argument for Christianity, it is the beacon light to point us to our Saviour's coming.

The Agricultural and Dairy Commissioner of the Dominion has issued a circular to proprietors and managers of creameries concerning the improved method of cold storage. The directions are complete in every detail, every element in the cold storage process being plainly set forth. The instructions cover the approved methods of storing ice, prevention of melting by influence of the atmosphere, packing and covering ice, construction of ice-houses and storage departments, and regulation of temperature. The instructions are in explanation of Prof. Robertson's latest information in cold storage equipment, as shown on plans accompanying the circular.

Among the many mining experts attracted to Canada by the reports of our gold fields is William A. McNaughton, a Scotch mining engineer of large experience in California, Mexico, etc. He has lately visited the Hastings mines, and inspected the Bannockburn, Richmond, and other mines, and is so favorably impressed with the prospects that he proposes to remain in Ontario, and expects to interest a number of his American correspondents in our mines. Mr. McNaughton states that the appearance of the Bannockburn mine is very similar to mines he has worked in California, and that the ore is largely of the same kind, and that the yield of gold is very good. He states that many mining operations from the Western coast will find their way to Ontario's gold fields next spring.

Mr. R. D. Rutherford has been elected reeve of Seymour, and Mr. C. S. Gillespie reeve of Campbellford.

Men's \$1.25 Full-Cloth Pants.

You can get a good pair of all-wool full-cloth pants at the Oak Hall, Belleville, for \$1.25. We often have customers ask us for \$1.25 full-cloth pants. They can be had, but we do not wish to handle this kind of cheap clothing. We give you a good pair for \$1.25 and that is as low as we will go. We are bound to avoid the shoddy.

MONEY SAVED

TO YOU

By taking advantage of our CLEARING SALE

Stock taking begins in a few days, and for the next two weeks we will give you some startling bargains for Spot Cash. If you are interested come and be convinced. Note some of our prices:

Men's Shirts and Drawers, Suit, \$1.20, for 93c.

Sheeting, 2 yds. wide, 15c., worth 20c.

The best Grey Cotton for 5c. ever offered here, during this Sale.

All Overcoats, Ulsters, Pea-Jackets, heavy Suits, Etotie Pants at cost.

Wrappettes, extra heavy, 12c., worth 18c.

Wrappettes, in light colors, 9c., worth 12c.

34-inch wide Twill Flannel-ette 10 cents.

The best flavor and drawing quality you will find in the 25c. Tea sold here.

T. G. CLUTE.

New laid Eggs, good Butter, bright Dried Apples wanted.

DOWN GOES THE PRICE OF TEA.

We are giving 6 lbs. good 25c. Tea for \$1.00.

3 lbs. good Mixtures for 25c.

Fresh Bulk Oysters

always on hand at 40c. per qt.

CAR LOAD OF BRAN and SHORTS

just arrived.

All Goods sold Cheap for Cash

Poultry for Shipping

We will buy Poultry every day, for which we will pay the highest market price.

S. HOLDEN.

FOUND.

A Robe, some time ago. Owner proving property can have the same.
T. A. EGGLETON.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received for cedar for covering culverts in the Township of Rawdon up to Jan. 23rd, 1897. Tenders to be addressed to B. O. LOTT, Reeve, or the undersigned.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL,
Township Clerk, Springbrook.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all taxes on the Collector's Roll for the Township of Rawdon, not paid by the 1st day of March, 1897, that the Collector for said Township is instructed to collect the same forthwith from that date according to law. Ordered by resolution of the Council.

THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Clerk.
Jan. 11th, 1897.

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Has the best record of any Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Canada. Rates low.

The GUARDIAN and SUN.

Two of the best Stock Companies in the world. No. 1 risks written in either of above Companies.

W. S. MARTIN,
Office over T. G. Clute's Store.

Starvation in India.

Ninety Thousand Persons said to Have Died.

London, Jan. 9. (Special United Press Cable Letter.)—The Government of India and the India Office are doing what they can to prevent information from independent sources regarding the famine reaching the public, and in response to inquiries as to the truth of statements appearing in the native newspapers of India simply declare them to be exaggerations or perversions of fact.

Private and independent advisers concur in stating that thousands of persons are dying from starvation or from weakness that prevents them from assimilating the little food they can obtain. It is known that in the district of Jalapour alone, a district which had a population of 5,000,000, 90,000 persons have died. Thousands of others will have to perish, despite any efforts that may be made to succor them. There are people living in remote districts, far from the railroads and other lines of communication, whom it will be impossible to carry off until the death lists are enormously swollen.

Large as the existing Indian relief system is it is entirely unable to meet a famine period which is estimated will extend over the whole of 1897.

Cablegrams from the Viceroy of India have been received here telling cheerfully of rains that have fallen in several parts of the country, but of what possible use are rains to a people with starvation staring them in the face. They cannot sit down and wait for crops to grow, ripe and be harvested, but it appears that the Indian Government, with incomprehensible fatuity, has acted on the belief that rain and not food was wanting. Of course, rain will prevent a recurrence of the famine, but what is wanted now is food, and that right speedily, to save thousands upon thousands of men, women and children from a torturing death.

Copper in large quantities has been found at Woodstock, Ulster County, New York State.

Halifax will extend an invitation to Rev. D. L. Moody to hold revival meetings there, at the close of his Boston visit.

The Vermont federal officials at Newport have sent back a general young man from Magog, who were employed at hotels on the American side.

The postmaster of Pickering, Ont., Mr. Logan, is accused of purchasing of gifts and other offences. Col. Lazier, of Belleville, will investigate and report to Ottawa.

The annual financial statement of the University of Toronto, which has just been issued, shows a deficit for the year amounting to \$18,900. A legislative grant will be asked.

Mr. Wm. Davies, of the William Davies Company, a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Toronto, has subscribed \$10,000 for the erection of the new Tecumseh Street Baptist Church.

It is not only in recent times that women have outnumbered the men in Massachusetts. This condition of affairs has prevailed for 130 years. Ten years ago the excess was so great that there were 8,000 more unmarried men than women.

The pastor of the Dunn Avenue Methodist Church, Toronto, on Sunday last asked the congregation to subscribe \$1,500 to pay off the debt of the church for 1896. The congregation responded yesterday by contributing \$250, or \$100 more than asked.

Converse, Ind., has the most stringent curfew law. It forbids all persons under seventeen years of age from being on the streets after 10 o'clock. The law in the evening during the months from September to April, and after 9 o'clock the rest of the year.

Rat Portage, Ont., is growing rapidly. The town was not incorporated till 1891, when it had a population of 229. From that time the population has steadily increased, and in 1895 it amounted to nearly 400. The increase of population has exceeded that of any previous year, and the population is now between four and five thousand.

The New York and Brooklyn post offices are to be connected with pneumatic tubes. There will be two tubes, of cast iron, in twelve foot sections, and bored to the exact diameter of 8-16 inches, and the joints made air-tight. One tube will be used for outgoing and the other for incoming mails. By this means it is expected that they will be enabled to send over 25,000 letters each way every hour should it be required.

The manager of a gold mine in the Wahnapitae district has a proposal for a radical change in the mining policy of the Province. He proposes that the title shall rest with the Province, and that no private claim shall hold after operations have ceased. The next owner can work any property on which operations have ceased, and the Province shall have a royalty whenever operations become sufficiently profitable. Mining policies are generally discussed under the assumption that the securing of a title, and not the bringing forth of minerals, is the chief object.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

HERE IS THE NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Things from All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Arranged for Easy Readers.

CANADIAN.

The population of Manitoba is 193,426. A black fox was recently shot near Gait.

No vacant buildings are to be had in Arizona.

At Suberland's Corners oil is to be produced.

There is six cents a loaf in Alvinston and Petrolia.

The street railway line in Kingston is to be extended.

There has been erected over the river at Severn.

A Horticultural Society has been organized at Meaford.

The International Hotel at Windsor has been destroyed by fire.

Two large elevators are to be built at Perry Sound Harbor.

Paris is talking about buying an electric pig for itself.

Grain has been a Literary Society in process of organization.

A Prescott man has been fined \$18.35 for chopping the tail off his horse.

Woodstock is trying to prevent the dissemination of the rumor that a large number of cattle passed through St. Thomas in bond.

There is an outbreak of smallpox in the immigration sheds at Winnipeg.

A number of Sombra farmers heat and light their houses with natural gas.

John Phillips, aged fifteen years, of Smith's Falls, was drowned while skating.

Another consignment of Lee-Enfield rifles numbering 2,000 arrived at Kingston.

Mr. Donald G. Stephenson, ex-Warden of York County, died at his home in East Toronto.

It is reported that there is a great deal of smuggling at present on the Canadian Pacific coast.

G. T. R. earnings for December show an increase of \$81,004 compared with December, 1895.

Owing to the exodus on account of the plague, the population of Bombay has been reduced one-half.

A Paris grocer recently bought a horse for 90 cents, and an Orilla man gave two horses and \$1 for a common cow.

At Hamilton the shafts of a buggy caught in the balloon sleeves of two women and knocked them down.

According to a by-law of Prince Albert, all animals attached to a sleigh must wear bells.

Mr. George Cowan, a farmer living near Paris, was thrown from his buggy by his horse running away and died from his injuries.

The lumbermen of Canada are to be asked to supply the doctor who will be used in the erection of permanent quarters at Bixley for the Canadian volunteers.

A public meeting has been called, under the presidency of the Viceroy, the Earl of Elgin, to consider private measures to relieve the famine sufferers in India.

A deputation waited on the Minister of the Ways and Means to urge the demolition of Chisholm's dam in the Trent River, on the ground that it floods 30,000 acres of land which could be reclaimed.

The Internal Management Committee of the Hamilton Board of Education has accepted the offer of the Y. W. C. A. to teach domestic science to 100 pupils in the Y. W. C. A. building till July 1 next for \$400.

Miss Jennie Gray, of Midland, was found walking the streets of Collingwood under the influence of a powerful drug.

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At London Lady Tina Scott, John Cockburn and William Aylett were sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for libelling Earl Russell.

Mazhar Bey, who has been on trial charged with being responsible for the murder of Father Salvatori, an Italian priest, has been acquitted.

Reports from Cuba attribute many murders to the Spaniards. Within a few miles of Havana the bodies of sixteen Cubans were found and razed.

Col. Hay, who is reported as the likely successor to Mr. Bayard as the United States Ambassador to St. James, would be regarded as personal grata in London.

Mr. Gladstone has declined to become an Oddfellow on the ground that the initiative ceremony would be too great an ordeal for a man of his advanced years.

The London Speaker, commenting on the proposed Bill of Trade restrictions, says that nothing is likely to result from his advocacy of the cause.

The United States House of Representatives defeated the Free Bullion reducing bill by a majority of 60 votes.

Rather than stand the cost of feeding horses through the winter, farmers in sections of northern Indiana have killed them and disposed of the carcasses to fertilizing factories.

Five true bills have been returned at Washington against Francis J. Kiekhafer for distributing a circular of the State Department, on charges of embezzling International Indemnity funds.

His total showing is about \$27,000.

Dr. William Eberhard, who was one of the pioneers of Madison county, Ind., died lately at his home near Frankton.

The second husband of a woman of the same name wrote himself three years ago for the occasion. Besides being a farmer and preaching as a physician, he was an Adventist preacher. In recent years he had suffered persecution from some unknown foe who burned his home and wrote threatening letters to his family.

It will soon be twenty-five years since the great Chicago fire, and a new generation has since grown up with the city, and its memory is fading from the minds of the older people. The conflagration, extending over about three and a half square miles, destroyed 17,450 buildings killing 300 persons, and rendering 93,000 homeless, occurred on Oct. 8th and 9th, 1871. It was one of the most destructive fires ever known, the loss being over \$200,000,000.

Secretary Olney has inserted a provision in the United States diplomatic regulations prohibiting speeches on political matters. This is regarded as a threat at Mr. Bayard, Ambassador at London.

The Anglo-American general treaty of arbitration was signed at Washington by Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Olney. Mr. Cleveland transmitted the treaty to the Senate with a very warm expression of approval of its general scope.

Stiveries of Delphi, Ind., have inaugurated a new fashion in toilet parties to which the girls take baskets of good things covered with white or yellow napkins, according to their political preferences. At the party the men select baskets according to their preferences and must pay for them according to the weight, not of the baskets, but to their owners, who themselves become the purchasers' partners for the evening. Each buyer lifts his girl to the scales and those of the white cloth get sixteen kisses to the gold men's one.

THE REMOVED MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS AT TREBIZOND IS CONTRADICTION.

The reports that the health of the Pope is very delicate are confirmed.

The Queen has contributed £500 for the relief of the famine-sufferers in India.

Bishop Hartzel, of Chisholm, has started for Africa to establish a hospital in Liberia.

Emperor William is still urging the reorganization of the artillery to keep pace with the changes in tactics.

The Duchess of York, daughter-in-law of the Prince of Wales, expects her accouchement in April.

Mr. Labouchere will be the recipient of a banquet from the National Liberal Club on the 14th inst.

The transport Nubia, which arrived at Portsmouth from Calcutta with cholera on board, has been disinfecting.

The czar, who is suffering from the effect of overwork, is about to start to Livadia for a two months' sojourn.

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LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Toronto, Jan. 13.

PRODUCE.

Eggs—Market in about the same condition. Supplies are not heavy, and although stocks are showing up at some country points, dealers are not anxious buyers. In the ordinary way sales to-day were made at 14 to 14½ for limed; 10 to 16 for 16 to 17; or held fresh; and 19 to 20 for new laid.

Potatoes—If anything the feeling is better. Sales to-day a car lot sold at 23c. Quotations are from 22 to 25c delivered. Dealers sell small lots out of store at 25c.

Foultry—Receipts moderate, and demand limited. There is a lot of poor stock now offering here, which is hard to sell. Only choice dry pickle stock is wanted. Quotations are as follows: Turkeys, 7 to 8c per lb.; geese, 6 to 7c per lb.; chickens, 25 to 30c per pair, and ducks, 50 to 70c per pair.

Field Produce—Dealers sell small lots of turnips, out of store, at 25c per bag; parsnips at 25 to 30c per bag; onions, at 70 to 75c per bag.

Almonds—Market dull; round lots of dried, outside, are quoted at 2 to 2½c, and evaporated at 3 to 4c, according to quality.

Baled Hay—Slow, and prices feeling easy. Some shading is being done to effect sales. Strictly fancy hay is quoted, car lots, on track here, at \$11; No. 1 at \$10.50; and No. 2 at \$8.50 to \$9. Dealers quote two-ton lots of No. 1, delivered, at \$11.50.

Straw—Car lots of old straw, on track, are quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

Market firm, and offerings on the street light. All choice butchers' hogs in farmers' loads sold well to-day, as high as 57½ being paid for small lots. Heavy hogs sold at \$4.75, and medium about \$5.25. Packers are buying few, and quote \$5.10 for car lots of light, delivered, and \$4.50 for heavy. The provision market is quiet.

Quotations are as follows: Barbelled pork, shoulder meat, \$9.50 to \$10; heavy meat, \$11.50; shortcut, \$12 to \$13.50.

Dry salted meat—Heavy, heavy, 9c; medium, 10c; light, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 10c; roils; 7c; backs, 9 to 10c; picnic hams, 6½ to 7c. All meats out of place 1c less than prices quoted for smoked meats.

Lard—Tires, 7c; tubs, 7½c; and pails, 7½c; compound, 6 to 6½c.

BREADSTUFFS, ETC.

Wheat—The decline in Chicago today, due to the overproduction of the market caused weakness here. There was more pressure to sell, and prices receded about 1c. There were offerings of white wheat at 43½c, and red, 42½c, middle freights. Exporters bid 81c for red and 82c for white. Manitobas were easier. One lot of 10,000 bushels No. 1 hard sold, for \$1.10, and No. 2, 85c. North Bay. This lot was taken for export.

Flour—Tone easy. Straight roller, middle grade, is quoted nominally at \$4. Demand quiet.

Peas—About steady. Odd cars, north and west, sold to-day at 42½c. Same are quoted at 42½c, middle freights, and 41c. C. P. R. easy.

Oats—Rather easy. White were bought at 19c, north and west, and at 20c, east, and 19½c, middle freights.

Rye—Easier, in sympathy with wheat. Car lots were quoted at 35c, and east at 36c. Round lots would bring rather more.

Barley—Firm. No. 3 is quoted at 30 to 31c, and No. 1 at 31c. Round lots of No. 1 could have been sold to-day for shipment to the States at 34c, interior prices. Feed is in fair demand for export, at 20 to 21c, and No. 3 extra at 24 to 25c, out of place.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter—Receipts are fairly liberal, and stocks held here large. Prices keep easy, and shading is still resorted to by bringing about sales.

Cheese—Local demand is light, but the export enquiry is still reported good although actual sales are few. In the ordinary way dealers here sell summer makes at 10 to 10½c and September and October makes at 10 to 10½c.

Wheat, white, per bush. 90 57

Wheat, red, per bush. 90 57

Wheat, green, per bush. 90 57

Peas, common, per bush. 42 44

Peas, extra, per bush. 42 44

Rye, per bush. 30 34

Barley, per bush. 40 40

Spring lamb, cut into 40 60

Geese, per lb. 15 17

Eggs, new laid, 20 21

Beans, per bush. 75 80

Beets, per doz. 60 10

Apples, per bush. 10 15

Hay, timothy, 18 19

Straw, per ton, 8 9

Beef, hinds, 05 06

Beef, fore, 05 06

Spring lamb, cut into 40 60

Veal, per lb. 05 07

Butt, per lb. 04 05

Dressed lugs, 4 75 60

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—At the Western Cattle yards this morning we had all the usual number of cattle for sale, but larger than necessary. All the best cattle were brought up for export and the branch of the business, which has been slow and prices range from 35 to 37½, with 4c paid once or twice for a few extra choice selections. Shipping cattle are wanted here. The butchers' trade was slow and prices (except for the best cattle) weakened. Good stuff sold at 23 to 25½, with an occasional sale for a head at 30 and 31.5c. Cows sold at 25 and 26, and even a shade lower. Export bulls sold at from 25 to 35c, and occasionally 35c. Calves were sold at 25 to 30c per head. All the butchers' cattle here did not sell. There was little enquiry for milkers, and prices were low. Calves were sold at from 25 to 30c per head for good calves. Scarcely any came in, but quite enough for the demand. Sheep and lambs were doing better and both are in request. Lambs sell at from 3½ to 4½c per pound. Good shipping sheep are worth 30, and as many as one thousand have been sold. There were not more than 550 sheep and lambs here to-day. We had quite 1,700 hogs and more in request. Prices are steady and unchanged at \$4 to \$4.12½ for tops; \$3.40 for 100 pounds for thick fat; \$3 for sows; and \$2 for stags. All grades wanted but stores.

Great Clearing Sale

TO BEGIN SATURDAY, JAN. 2nd.

On the above date we begin a clearing sale of Remnants, and all surplus Stock, including Dress Goods, Flannels, Silks, Hosiery, Table Linens, Towels, Towellings, Shirtings, Prints, Millinery, Jackets, Capes, Blankets, Bed Quilts, Carpets, Curtains, Sheetings, Tickings, etc., etc.

We take stock the last day of January, and are determined to greatly reduce stock by that date.

If you want Dry Goods of any kind it will pay you to come in and see us.

GEO. RITCHIE & CO., BELLEVILLE.

THE NEWS-ARGUS to 1st January, 1898, for \$1.00.

OUR NEW YEARS' . . . RESOLUTION.

On no consideration will we sell goods on any longer credit than thirty days, and Seeds, Feed and Flour for Cash only, because

It is not just to our cash customers. It locks up too much capital.

It leads to only one result, viz: Failure.

It is impossible to buy goods on any other terms and buy them right. If goods are not bought right they cannot be sold right.

J. C. HANLEY & CO., GROCERS, FEED & SEED MERCHANTS, BELLEVILLE - ONT.

A GIFT

When one receives a Wedding, birthday or Christmas gift, it has been carefully and thoughtfully wrapped, and the thoughtfulness on the part of the sender, and the value of the gift, are both appreciated. It is a gift that is a gift, and it is a gift that is a gift.

Our store is largely a gift goods store. Our Wall Paper reputation is more extensive than that of any other store in the city, and we have carried the same thought, care and taste in the selection of our gift goods as in the selection of our wall papers.

By buying any of the following articles from us you will receive them carefully packed by expert packers, and with a style about the parcel that stands out at once as "Something from a distance."

Brass and Brass & Onyx Tables, Bouquet Lamps, Candle Sticks, Cabinets, Brass Frame Mirrors, Gilt and Brass, Dresden and Dresden Vases, Sterling Silver Goods, Statuettes, Leather Goods, Celluloid goods, Opera Glasses, etc., etc.

Remember we are the largest dealers in Brick- and Fire Art Goods in the Midland district. Beautiful Pictures, and Picture Framing in all its branches.

C. B. SCANTLEBURY, BELLEVILLE.

The Equitable Savings, Loan and Building Association.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.
The curfew bell was rung for the first time in Ottawa on New Year's night. The London Y. M. C. A. Hall, costing \$30,000, was opened with a New Year's reception.
The Manitoba winter is becoming uncertain. A regular thaw, with rain is reported at Winnipeg.
A London West Methodist minister, Rev. Richard Hobbs, denounces skating as an evil custom.

Tenders have been received at the Department of Railways and Canals for new post work at Point du Lac.

General Manager Hays and other officials of the Grand Trunk inspected the company's new car shops at London.

It is expected that Mr. Laurier will make an Imperial Cruise in honor of the coming celebration of the Queen's long reign.

The Hamilton Iron & Steel Company has closed down the smelting works for a while, it having a plentiful supply of material on hand.

The cattle which were destroyed at Belford, Que., on November 7 were suffering from tuberculosis and not pleuropneumonia, as was at first reported.

Detective Silas H. Carpenter of the Canadian secret service has been appointed chief of the detective force at the Thames by the company named Lewis Fenderson, nine years old.

The engagement is announced of Miss Myrtle Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., and the Hon. Archibald Macdonald, the brother of Lady Aberdeen.

Rogert Gass, a ten-year-old London boy, was rescued from a royal mail steamer by a companion named Lewis Fenderson, nine years old.

The will of the late Lieutenant-Governor Fraser was probated at Victoria. The estate is entered at \$11,500, which is bequeathed to the deceased's family and near relatives.

Land Commissioner Hamilton of the B.P.R. said that the sales of Manitoba lands exceed all records the past few months. The demand is great, and farmers are paying up well.

Major Kitson, the new commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston, in company with Major-General Gascoigne, on Thursday morning had a long interview with the Governor-General.

The Canadian steamer Royal Mail steamship line, the vessels of which ply between British Columbia and the Australian colonies, is about to place a new steamer of 4,250 tons on the route.

The C.P.R. proposes to increase the rate of fares for passengers to and from Buffalo by placing two trains on the road of exceptionally fine workmanship, which will make the journey in very fast time.

Mr. Alex. Abbey, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Port Huron, Ont., died on Wednesday, aged 85. He had lived in Port Huron and followed his occupation of shipbuilding for upwards of thirty years.

Word has been received from London announcing the serious illness of Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick. He will undergo an operation in the morning. Mr. Kirkpatrick will leave Toronto immediately to join his husband.

Mr. Gidderley, general manager of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, believes that navigation could be prolonged two months by employing powerful ice-breakers on the river.

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THE FIELD OF COMMERCE.

Some Items of Interest to the Busy Business Man.

The gross earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway increased \$7,555 for the week ended December 29th.

Stocks of wheat at Port Arthur and Port William are 2,075,568 bushels as against 2,101,996 bushels a year ago.

The stocks of wheat at Toronto are 2,670 bushels as against 2,317,737 last week and 48,991 bushels a year ago.

The money market at Toronto is easy with call loans quoted at 5 per cent. Stocks quiet and firm. A feature of the further advance in Postal Telegraph.

The net earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the month of November decreased \$145,917, as compared with last year. From January 1 the net earnings increased \$371,355.

The deposits of Canadian banks increased over \$1,000,000 during the month of November. Current discounts decreased \$120,000, the balance due from agencies in the United States increased nearly \$3,000,000.

During the past week the visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada was 1,000,000 bushels, the amount of wheat in Europe decreased \$100,000, and the English visible supply is a decrease of 2,882 bushels for the week. The visible supply of wheat in the United States and Canada is 1,000,000 bushels as compared with 96,598,000 bushels a year ago.

There is nothing specially new or interesting in the general trade situation at the present time. The shopping has been brisk, but among the wholesale warehouses there is a general feeling of uneasiness as to the future of the trade. The number of bankruptcies is not considered to be a serious feature of the year, which, in the majority of cases, it is conceded, will not be by any means as serious as last year.

There is a great deal of shutting down, as is usual at the season. The money market shows a change of any kind, the discount rate remaining at 7 per cent, and call money at 4 1/2 per cent.

Trade in wholesale circles at Toronto for the week has been quiet. Many travelers are in, and stock-taking is the order of the day. The trade for the next two weeks, and after that the prospects are that increased activity in the market is in the air.

The great department stores are responsible in a great measure for the unhealthy condition of the market. Some important changes are anticipated in the near future with respect to this trade, and there are more numerous in many lines, but this is not unusual at this season of the year. Groceries and hardware are active.

That the holiday trade is over. Prices of the leading staples are unchanged. The market for the staples is quiet. The strength of British and foreign wheat market is being reflected in higher prices for the staples. The market for the staples is quiet.

The trial of Sofia of the alleged assassin of the late Premier, formerly premier of Bulgaria, was held on Wednesday. Two of the prisoners were found guilty, and given short sentences. The third was acquitted.

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EXAMPLES OF LONGEVITY.

Habits of Life of Various Male and Female Centenarians.

Among the examples of moderation in diet, Mignone, an Italian, who is a centenarian, says the London Standard.

He was, according to the Standard, 180 years old in 1878, and, as he still is to the fore, is likely to come to a great age.

He had never eaten more than one meal a day. Even in that he limited himself to what he could eat in his hour. He therefore was a living argument against those hygienists who bid us eat slowly and masticate well. His diet was chiefly vegetable, meat, which was always cooked the day before, entering into it only twice a week.

For two days in every month he fasted, and he drank large quantities of water. He ate no bread, but several other dishes, and on the whole, his diet was three and ten cent, without any fancy.

Mackin, the comedian, who lived and died in Covent garden, was a wonderful eater. He ate everything that he lived on in spite of which he managed to get through 107 years. He followed the short space of half a century, and lived on in spite of which he managed to get through 107 years.

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SOME LATE CABLE NEWS.

THE TIMES REVIEWS BRITAIN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Disagreeable Weather. Death of Mr. Gladstone's Old Friend-Nickel for the Navy.

The Farmer-Soldier-Old Age Pension-Consular Changes.

A despatch from London, says—Mr. Gladstone's speech in Winnipeg on December 29th has created much interest here. It will be recalled that the speech foreshadowed a Government purchase of the railway and other corporate lands in the Northwest for the benefit of the farmer.

Those who view the utterance in that light say they feel that such a policy would give an immense stimulus to the settlement of the Northwest, and with the great class of immigrants, it is pointed out that with those choice lands in prospect, Canada would outrival most other countries seeking immigrants, even though they offered assisted passages. Free grants of land are now offered to settlers by New Zealand and Queensland.

Enquiries among the companies here holding Northern lands show that they would willingly accede to any proposal to resell part, at least, of the lands on moderate terms, though they believe that the gold discoveries in the West and the higher prices this year for wheat make in any case it is better to improve the value of their property in the near future. In view of this the remark that "Canada's turn is really coming at last," is heard on all sides.

The chief work of the estate market year just closed was the large number of noblemen selling. The Duke of Devonshire sold a fine estate of 32,000 acres in West Cork, including the town of Bandon, to Sir John Arncliffe, £250,000. Lord Salisbury disposed of 10,000 acres, the property of 10,000 acres; Lord Churchill sold the magnificent Cornbury park, Charlbury, Oxfordshire, consisting of 5,000 acres, with the historical mansion, which was formerly the hunting lodge of Henry VIII. The Marquis of Queensberry disposed of his vast Kilmont estate to a Huddersfield manufacturer.

Unseasonable weather continues to prevail in England and on the Continent. In this country for several days during the past week the temperature was almost spring-like, the mercury ranging over 50 degrees in the shade, and during the last half of the week, the mercury was over 60 degrees, and the sun shone brightly.

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Following the example set by the British navy, the Admiralty have decided to use naval steel instead of pulverized steel for the protection of the warships now in the fleet.

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BIG CLEARING SALE!

If you want Ulsters come to us. From now on we will offer all Overcoats at cost. Don't miss this opportunity.

Before Stock taking we will clear out all lines at cost.

Come to us in the next two weeks and you will save 25 per cent on all lines.

This sale means cash!

JAS MILNE & SON.

P.S.—We are now doing a Cash business and have notified all customers who have accounts with us. This is the last notice and if the said accounts are not settled by cash or note this month we will place them in court.

J. M. & Son.

1865 1897

We take this opportunity of thanking the public for their liberal patronage during the past year.

For over 30 years this firm has been doing business in Stirling.

We exercise the utmost care to furnish nothing but reliable goods and at the lowest possible prices. We are desirous of meeting the wants of each and every customer, and in these days of keen competition we are hustling to be on top.

We buy at the cheapest possible figure, and you will find our prices in all our lines as low, and in most cases, lower, quality considered, than those of anyone in the trade.

We solicit a continuance of your trade, and promise you the utmost attention and courtesy that we have always tried to exhibit to our customers.

We guarantee all goods we sell, and, in the past, we have given the greatest care to keep our goods up to the highest standard, and aim to keep our name

A Guarantee of Quality.

Respectfully Yours,

CHAS. E. PARKER.

Parker's Drug and Book Store

Ivanhoe.

From Our Correspondent.

Election being over, the people of our town have settled down to business. It was learned a few days ago that an old couple were in distress for want of food. Two generous young men, Messrs. Jas. Murphy and E. J. Tanner, went out and collected a load of provisions from the people who gave freely. We are pleased to see Mr. Bruce and Richard Kerr around again. The Methodists intend bringing their meetings to a close Thursday eve. About 30 persons have made a visit to lead a new life. Miss Sarah Courtney intends going to Ottawa on Saturday to attend the Normal School. Mr. Samuel Tanner met with an accident last week while on his way to Canifon. The wheel of his cart broke, letting him to the ground, but Sam, being used to accidents of this kind, managed to drag the wheel along till he came to a farmer's fence, when he helped himself to some wire, bound the wheel up, and went on his way rejoicing. Mr. John Lambert returned to his home in Canifon, after spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. R. Stout. Mr. Frank Bragg is back to his work on the C.P.R. Dame Rumer says a wedding in the near future. Good sleighing here now.

Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick had a successful surgical operation performed at a London Hospital yesterday, and is said to be progressing favorably.

Some Bargains in Clothing.

At this season of the year the Oak Hall, Belleville, begin to review the winter stock. The big trade is over, and we find a lot of boys' overcoats, sizes 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, we have a few boys' overcoats. Then in large boys' expensive ulsters we have more than we want. Just a quiet word with you. There is a bargain for you in any of these lines.

PARKER BROTHERS

BANKERS, STIRLING, ONTARIO.

A General Banking Business transacted.

4 per cent. allowed on Deposits.

Drafts bought and sold on all parts of Canada, United States and Great Britain. Money to let on Mortgages at low interest. Office hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

F. B. PARKER. R. PARKER, M.D.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local column will be charged as follows: To Regular Advertisers—Three lines and under, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines, 50 cents. Matter set in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line.

To Transient Advertisers—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:
GOING WEST—
M. 10:15 a.m. M. 1:30 p.m. M. 5:00 p.m.
M. 10:15 a.m. M. 1:30 p.m. M. 5:00 p.m.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1897.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Look at E. Naylor's Bargain Ad. in this paper. It will surprise you.

Alex. Raviney, who is now styled Belleville's champion boxer, was at one time a resident of this village.

It is reported that there is good sleighing a few miles north of this, while here the roads are bare, and there is not an inch of snow on the ground.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of the township of Rawdon will be held at Springbrook on Monday evening, Jan. 25th.

Owing to application having been made for a recount in the recent municipal election in this village, the new council did not hold its first meeting on Monday last, as provided by statute.

The Lounger Magazine for January is to hand. It is finely illustrated and printed, and contains a large amount of choice reading, and is furnished at the low price of fifty cents per annum, or five cents per copy.

We learn that a child of Mr. McCann, 11th Con. of Rawdon, died from diphtheria on Wednesday morning last. It is stated that two or three others of the same family are also down with this disease.

In our report of the entertainment given by the Presbyterian Sabbath School we forgot to mention the amount of the receipts, which were \$41.35, and will greatly assist in enlarging the present library.

Mr. C. J. Boldrick has made application to the County Judge for a recount of the ballots at the recent municipal election in this village, and the judge has issued an order for a recount which will take place this Thursday evening at the Clerk's office.

The following is the result of the voting for County Councillors in No. 4 division, as far as can be ascertained:

	Duncan	Parker	Pease	Tanner
Stirling	48	29	30	30
Rawdon	23	48	101	418
Mar. & Lake	10	61	645	53
Wollaston	0	50	70	0
	311	80	938	491

By advertisement elsewhere in this issue, as well as by posters issued, it will be seen that the annual meeting of the North Hastings Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday next, the 20th inst. There should be a good attendance, as it is announced that business of importance will be brought before the meeting.

There will be two eclipses of the sun in 1897. The first will occur on February 1st, and will be invisible in Canada. The second will occur on July 29th, and will be visible in Canada as a partial eclipse. Lent begins this year on March 3rd, and consequently Good Friday is April 10th, and Easter Sunday April 12th.

Rev. J. H. George, D. D., of St. Louis, formerly pastor of the John Street Presbyterian Church, Belleville, has been offered the principalship of the Congregational College, Montreal.

A local option by-law to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors was voted on in Madoc township on Jan. 4th, and was carried by a majority of 123. This will have the effect of closing up all bars and shops where liquor has been sold after the first of May next.

In the Madoc division for County Councillors the candidates polled the following votes: Cross 514, English 773, Blair 634, Ricketts 51. This does not include Tudor and Cashel, the full returns from which had not been received, but which will not change the result.

William Waters, a well known and respected farmer in Seymour Township, about three miles from Campbellford, on Tuesday morning lost his life by an accident. He and his son had finished putting on a load of hay, and while attempting to fix the binding pole, Mr. Waters slipped and fell to the ground, breaking his neck and dying immediately. He leaves a widow and family.

The municipal election in the village of Madoc resulted in the return of C. F. Aylsworth, reeve, by a majority of 23 over Whittier, the late reeve. The councillors elected are John R. Brown, David Bowen, Jeff. Caverley and D. W. Wright. In Madoc township the only contest was for the reeve, the candidates being Angus Nicholson and Wm. T. Allen. Mr. Allen was elected by a majority of 90.

Induction of Rev. S. S. Burns, B. A.

The induction of Rev. S. S. Burns, B. A., to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Stirling and West Huntingdon took place in St. Andrew's church, Stirling, on Tuesday evening last. Long before the hour appointed people began to gather at the church, and at 7:30, the time fixed for the services to commence, the house was literally packed.

Rev. E. W. Mackay, B.A., of Madoc, conducted the opening exercises, and preached an excellent sermon, taking as his text Jeremiah 1: 23 and 24. After the sermon, Rev. Mr. Burns was formally inducted as pastor by the Rev. T. J. Thompson, M. A., of Belleville, Moderator, pro tem, who afterwards administered the sacrament. Rev. D. McPhail, of Picton, then addressed the congregation.

The proceedings throughout were of the most interesting character, and were listened to with the greatest attention. In addition to the persons mentioned above, there were present Rev. W. T. Wilkins, of Trenton, clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. John Laird, M. A., of Campbellford, Rev. J. A. Black, B. A., of Berlin, and Rev. John Moore, B. A., of Seymour, all of the Presbytery of Kingston. Revs. C. L. Thompson and S. Crookshanks, of this village, were also invited to occupy seats on the platform.

Rev. S. S. Burns, B. A., is a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston. He entered Queen's in 1886, and after completing the Arts course, took the degree of B. A. He also took a three years' course in theology, after which he was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of Knox Church, Westport, in June, 1892. His work in Westport since bears ample testimony to his ability and success as a pastor; and gives promise of what is hoped will be a still greater success as pastor of Stirling and West Huntingdon.

A reception will be given to the new minister by the congregation this evening in the church.

Hastings County Council.

List of the Members Elected for the years 1897-8.

The new County Council of the County of Hastings will be composed in future of fourteen members, holding office for two years. The result of the recent election gives the following representation in the new Council:—

No. 1 Division, Sidney—Messrs. J. S. Dench and John Holgate.

No. 2 Division, Tindley—Messrs. J. K. McCargar and H. K. Denyes.

No. 3 Division, Tyendinaga and Deseronto—Messrs. J. C. Hanley and A. McFarlane.

No. 4 Division, Stirling, Rawdon, Marmora and Wollaston—Messrs. J. W. Pearce, of Marmora, and F. B. Parker, of Stirling.

No. 5 Division, Huntingdon, Hungerford and Tweed—Messrs. Jas. Clare and A. Kirk, both of Hungerford.

No. 6 Division, Madoc village, Madoc township, Elzevir, Tudor and Limerick—Messrs. James English, of Madoc township, and Thos. Cross, of Madoc village.

No. 7 Division, the nine northern townships—Messrs. James Leaster of Dunganston, and W. J. Douglas, of Carleton Place.

The Warden will be elected by the members as heretofore. Mr. English, of Madoc township is a candidate for the position.

The February number of TOILETTES introduces us once more to King Carnival and his revels. Some very quaint old styles are illustrated from costumes worn on the stage of the Odon Theatre, Paris, at the recent production of Schiller's "Don Carlos." These dresses were made by Long, and are of the latest in paint and prints available from that period. Fancy dresses, however, forms but a minor feature of the current issue of TOILETTES. Its Parisian drawings of "exclusive" designs by Felix, Haudin, Lebouvier and Judin, as well as the millinery designs by Viret, Lewis, Poyanne and Marescot, all bear the impress of master hands and minds, and bring the American public in direct touch with the best Parisian taste. We have never seen anything handsomer than the color plates published with February TOILETTES. Other features of interest are the many little accessories to the wardrobe, such as muffs, collarlets, belts, jabots, fans, and all the countless little bits to beauty, which delight the eye. Of sleeves, too, TOILETTES has the most bewildering variety, one still prettier than the other, so you are lost in wonderment how it was ever possible to fancy the late puffed effects, when so much nicer an arrangement can be had in the new tightening style. All new styles, sell TOILETTES at 25 cents per copy, and pronounce it the best fashion book on their stands. Subscription price is \$2.00 per year or \$1.00 for 5 months. It is published at 120 West 23rd Street, New York.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Miss Susan Barcum, of Corbyville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bradshaw.

Mr. Albert Vanallen is getting everything ready for the erection of a new house in the Spring.

Mrs. Margaret Gibbs has just put a new furnace in her house.

Mr. Jas. Gossell, stone cutter, has gone to Quebec to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose have returned from visiting friends near Whitty.

Miss Mary Luke is confined to her bed on account of a severe cold.

All the talk now is the erection of a new school house. We are very glad there is even a talk, but sincerely hope it may amount to more in the near future. Our old school house has been condemned for some time. There is a committee appointed to see about it, and bring in a report to the cost and the feeling of the people regarding it.

A Cash Clothing Business.

The Oak Hall, Belleville, are doing it. Do you know that in dealing in a store that sells for cash, you get the benefit of the very lowest prices? You do not have to pay 10% put on by most houses to cover losses. Some stores pretend to do this, but do not. We are not the pretentious kind. Our terms are strictly cash, and each customer gets the benefit.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Manda Green, of Picton, who was visiting Mr. C. Mendall a few days this week.

Miss Kate Vanderwaer, of Chatterton, is visiting in town, the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Faulkner.

Mrs. Traill, the Canadian authoress, celebrated her 95th birthday at Lakefield, Ont., on Saturday, and received congratulations from friends in all parts of the country.

Miss Ellen Beach Yaw, the noted high singer, met a tragic death a few days ago. While singing before an audience at Chatterton, N. Y., and reaching the high notes for which her voice was famous, the jugular vein burst, and she died to the death on the stage before her hearers.

The January number of the CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL contains many bright things of interest to women. Among them the latest fashions in evening dresses, as worn by the leaders of society in Toronto; a chapter on Palmistry; notes of pictures, music and books; the stage, and the household, all by well-known writers; talks with people we meet, by Faith Fenton; the latest and especially interesting; "Faith that removes mountains," by Clifford Smith, and a number of other stories by juvenile authors appear in this number. Subscription price a dollar a year. The NEWS-ARGUS and the CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL for 1897 for \$1.00.

Experience Teaches.

Don't see some advertisements remind you of an empty wagon going down hill? The lighter the load, the bigger the noise. The Oak Hall, Belleville, never claim to be smarter than other people. Our money won't buy clothing any cheaper than other people's money. People don't buy from us because we claim our goods are worth double what we ask for them—they buy them on their merit, and they know that what they see in our ads. is so, and what they hear over our counter is so. And they have learned by long experience that it's so.

Auction Sales.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30.—At the Stirling House, the property known as the Newby Kingston Farm. Sale at 1 o'clock, p. m. Wm. Rodgers Auctioneer.

Births.

MILNE—In Stirling, on Jan. 11th, the wife of T. A. MILNE, of a son.

STIRLING MARKET.

Butter—13c to 14c per lb.
Eggs, fresh—14c to 15c, per doz.
Farmers' Lard—10c to 11c, per lb.
Potatoes—50c to 55c, per bag.
Apples, green, 25c to 35c, per bag.
Beans—75c to \$1.00, per bus.
Onions—75c, per bushel.
Chickens—10c, per pound.
Geese—5c to 6c, per lb.
Ducks—7c to 8c, per lb.
Timothy seed—\$8.00 to \$9.25, per bus.
Hay—\$12.50 to \$15.00, per ton.
Oats—20c to 22c, per bus.
Peas—40c to 45c, per bus.
Peas (large) 50c, to 55c, per bushel.
Rye—32c to 35c, per bus.
Barley—25c, to 35c, per bus.
Buckwheat—33c, to 40c, per bus.
Wheat—75c, to 77c, per bus.

FLOUR :- FLOUR

There is no place in this country where you can get better value for your money in the above line than at this store.

BRAN, SHORTS, AND CHOPPED FEED.

If you are anxious to save money, call and get my prices when requiring anything in these lines.

Plenty of SALT always on hand.

WM. HOLDEN.

N. B.—All parcels delivered promptly to any part of town.

We are Now

Receiving early shipments of Spring Styles in Ladies' and Men's Boots and Shoes, so if you want something new you need not buy old styles.

Making Room

For them means Closing Out Rubbers, Felt Boots, Shoe Packs, Sox, &c.

For very low Prices.

MARTIN & REYNOLDS.

FURS! FURS! FURS!

CLOTHING! CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

These are going like the March of the Cameron men. This establishment has been marching forward for over thirty-seven years, and is still, as it always has been, to the front in the race for supremacy. In its modes of doing business, fair, square, upright dealing being our banner of success. Our Coon Coats are going very cheap. Great bargains here now.

J. BOLDRICK & SON.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

ALL WINTER FOOT WEAR MUST GO. We will not carry over any Winter goods. So if you want Bargains in Men's Hair-lined Moccasins, Boy's Overshoes, Men's Overshoes, Men's Socks and Rubbers, Men's long Felt Boots,—all must go.

It will pay you to call on us. This is no fake—we mean business.

BROWN & McCUTCHEON.

TAKE NOTICE!

ALL PARTIES INDEBTED to the undersigned will please call and settle. I must have money at once, and no put off.

E. F. PARKER.

HARDWARE.

AXES!

Good new Axes for 50c. and 65c.

The LEADER Cross Cut Saw.

See our LANCE TOOTH BUCK SAWS.

Also, CIRCULAR & HAND SAWS.

BUCK SKIN MITTS from 25c. to \$1.

Shelf and Heavy Hardware,

Nails, Iron, Glass and Putty.

Just received, a car of 19 inch Pipe

SHINGLES at \$1.25 per thousand. Extra value.

L. MEIKLEJOHN.

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For ordinary business advertisements:

Charge PER LINE per week

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Whole col. down to half col. 25c. 50c. 75c. 1.00

Half col. down to quarter col. 12c. 25c. 37c. 50c.

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If inserted less than three months 1 cent extra on above rates. If less than two months 2 cents extra on above rates. If less than one month 3 cents extra on above rates.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

T. E. OLIVER, D.D.S., DENTIST.
HONOR GRADUATE OF TORONTO UNIVERSITY, M.D.C.D.S. of Ontario.
OFFICE—Over Baker's Drug Store.
Will visit Marmora every Thursday.

FRANK ZWICK, M.B., GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.
College of Medicine, Licentiate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ontario.
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE:—Dr. Boulter's former residence, Stirling.

G. G. THRASHER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, ETC.
Office over Dr. Parker's Drug Store, Stirling, Ontario.

J. EARL HALLIWELL, B.A., BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, COMMISSIONER.
Office over Boldrick's store, Stirling.

C. D. MACAULAY, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC., OFFICE.
Bridge Street, Belleville, Ont.
Money to loan at lowest rates of interest.

W. P. McMAHON, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, NOTARY PUBLIC, CONVEYANCER, ETC.
Private Money to Loan at Lowest Rates.
Offices, East side Front St.

FLINT & McCAMON, BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES.
Public, etc., Solicitors for the Canadian Bank of Commerce.
Money to Loan at Lowest Rates and no Commission Charged.
Offices—City Hall, Belleville.
JOHN J. B. FLINT, W. J. McCAMON.

JOHN S. BLACK, CONVEYANCER, COMMISSIONER FOR
Taking Affidavits, Office, over the store lately occupied by G. L. Scott, Stirling.

BAILIFFS AND AUCTIONEERS.
CHARLES BUTLER AND HARRY HARRIS, Bailiffs and Licensed Auctioneers for the County of Hastings. Satisfaction guaranteed. All orders promptly attended to. C. Butler, Auctioneer of the County of Hastings, Residence, Stirling, Ont.

STIRLING LODGE, I. O. O. F.
Meets in the Lodge room, Conley Block.
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
At 8 o'clock. O. P. BUTLER, R.S.

DENTISTRY.
C. L. HAWLEY, D.D.S.

TRENTON, GRADUATE OF THE TORONTO School of Dentistry, will visit Stirling
professionally, every Friday, until further notice.
The Dental Engine, Vitrified Air, Gas, and all the modern improvements known to dentistry, will be used in all cases. Painful extraction and preservation of the natural teeth. Rooms at Scott House.

INSURANCE.
Who wait until you see your neighbor's house on fire before you think of your own. Just call at my house or drop me a card, and I will attend to it at once.
WESLEY MASON, Springfield.

B. C. HUBBELL, MARMORA.
ISSUER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES AND Justice of the Peace for county Hastings.

STIRLING MARBLE WORKS, JOHN MOORE,
IMPORTER OF FOREIGN MARBLE AND GRANITE, has now on hand a full supply of Marble in Southern Falls and Blue; also, Granite. A call solicited. Shop on Front Street.

THIS FALL
we show a lovely lot of Ladies' and Misses' Felt, Sailors and English Walking Hats in black and all the newest fancy colors.
Also,
Ostrich Tips and Plumes, Ospreys and Wings.
All the above are new importations and much lower in price than you purchase from the regular Millinery stores.
Come to us for your Fall and Winter Jackets—our prices are right and you can't get newer styles in Toronto or Montreal.
J. PATERSON, SYNDICATE STORE, BELLEVILLE.
We can give positions to persons of all grades of ability. Agents, clerks, bookkeepers, farmers' sons, lawyers, mechanics, physicians, men, women, students, married, single women, widows. Positions are worth from \$400 to \$2,500 per annum. We have paid several thousands \$20 weekly for years. Many have started poor and become rich, with no capital, and no experience. A personal interview may be arranged. This is no humbug advertisement, and if you want to better your position, write to us at once. Address: THE SYNDICATE, BRADLEY-GARRETTSON CO., Ltd., TORONTO, ONT.

Clubbing Rates.
We will club THE NEWS-ARGUS with the following papers at the subjoined rates:
THE NEWS-ARGUS—
Weekly Witness.....\$1.00
Weekly Globe.....1.50
Family Herald and Weekly Star.....1.50

LOOK AT THIS!

A Bargain for Somebody.

Splendid Farm for sale or to rent, with about 100 acres of good land, good brick house, large barn, 30x50, Driveway, Stables combined, 25x30, also, Hens and Henhouse, good Well and Orchard, 25 acres full ploughed. Immediate possession given. For terms and particulars apply to the undersigned on the premises.
EDWIN NAYLOR,
Lot 12, Con. 2, Rawdon.

BRICKS! BRICKS!

Now is the time to secure Bargains in Brick. From 10 to 15 percent discount on quantities of 5,000 and upwards for cash.
E. NAYLOR.

The GORE

Has the best record of any Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Canada. Rates low.

The GUARDIAN and SUN.

Two of the best Stock Companies in the world. No risks written in either of above Companies.

W. S. MARTIN,
Office over T. G. Clute's Store.

GRAIN WANTED.

The subscriber, having leased the Tuller elevator at Stirling Station, is prepared to purchase all kinds of Grain for which he will pay the highest market price.
WM. RODGERS.

Tenders Wanted.

Tenders will be received for cedar for covering culverts in the Township of Rawdon up to Jan. 21st, 1897. Tenders to be addressed to B. O. LOTT, Anson, or the undersigned.
THOS. C. MCCONNELL,
Township Clerk, Springfield.

TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all taxes on the Collector's Roll for the Township of Rawdon, not paid by the 1st day of March, 1897, that the Collector for that Township is instructed to collect the same forthwith from that date according to law. Order by resolution of the Council.
THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Clerk.
Jan. 11th, 1897.

Wanted.

Young women and men, or older persons, in spirit of the United States character, good talkers, ambitious and industrious, who can find employment in a good cause, with \$20 a month and upwards, according to ability. Rev. S. T. Linscott, Toronto, Ont.

Few People HAVE EYES ALIKE.

Fully nine-tenths of those who wear glasses have different vision in each eye. Sometimes it is a decided difference, in others only a slight variation. A careful examination will find out the defect—the same lenses will be adjusted to both eyes, and lead astray and eye strains that medicine fails to relieve. We test each eye SEPARATELY, select proper lenses, adjust glasses to suit both eyes. W. H. CALDER, (Opt. G.) Philadelphia Optical College. EYES TESTED FREE.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COY

Has just completed its 27th year, and the business for last year (1896) was about \$250,000.00 more than the previous year. December month's business was the largest in the Company's history.

I WANT AN AGENT for the Stirling district, and will pay part salary to the right man. Apply to
S. BURROWS,
General Agent, Belleville.

FRUIT GROWERS AND GARDENERS

Should have the "Canadian Horticulturist," published by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. It contains pictures of fruits and flowers every month, instructions about cultivation, pruning, harvesting, packing, shipping of fruits, etc., etc. This is a monthly journal of 48 pages and contains numerous illustrations; it will be sent to you for one year, and contains a floral department. Each subscriber will also receive the Annual Report with report of Fruit Experiment Stations, bound in cloth, all for \$1.00 per annum. Sample copy free. Address: L. W. TAYLOR, Secretary, O. F. G. A., Grimsby, Ont.

THE NEW LIBERAL CABINET.

We have just received a sample copy of a most excellent and life-size photograph, showing three of the new Liberal Cabinet. The Globe Printing Co. have secured the exclusive control of the picture. It is 21 x 28 inches, and was arranged from actual photographs by the well-known Canadian artist, J. D. Kelly, and is being prepared by the Toronto Lithographing Co., which inspects perfect work.

We have made arrangements with the Globe Printing Co. to supply it with a three months' trial copy of the Weekly Globe and the News-Argus to new subscribers for 60 cents. On both papers and engraving for one year, either new or renewal subscriptions for \$1.75.

You Must Be Cold.

The weather is forcing you to a decision. Will it be an overcoat for appearance, or for dress? or a rough coat for days and nights? Amongst the large stock of overcoats at the Oak Hall, Belleville, there is no doubt you can find just the coat to suit you. Suppose you come in and see.



We Want You to TEST OUR GOODS.

We have a large stock of Heavy Winter Goods that we want to clear out before taking Stock.

Fur Coats, Fur Capes, Fur Caps, Fur Jackets, Fur Collars and Muffs, Frieze Ulsters.

Woollen Underwear.

These are some of the lines we are making interesting to buyers, and we want you to receive some benefit from this Great Reduction.

Can we interest you at
FRED. T. WARD'S?
The People's Tailor and Furnisher.

Few People HAVE EYES ALIKE.

Fully nine-tenths of those who wear glasses have different vision in each eye. Sometimes it is a decided difference, in others only a slight variation. A careful examination will find out the defect—the same lenses will be adjusted to both eyes, and lead astray and eye strains that medicine fails to relieve. We test each eye SEPARATELY, select proper lenses, adjust glasses to suit both eyes. W. H. CALDER, (Opt. G.) Philadelphia Optical College. EYES TESTED FREE.

Village Council.

Minutes of first meeting of the Stirling Municipal Council held Jan. 15. Members present—G. L. Scott, reeve; C. J. Boldrick, H. S. Ferguson and T. H. McKee, who, having subscribed to the declaration of office and of qualification, took their seats.

Applications for appointment to the office of assessor were received from Alex. McConaghy and R. G. Kingston. The Reeve gave notice that at the next meeting of this council he would introduce a by-law for the appointment of officers.

On motion of Mr. Boldrick, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, Joseph Doak was appointed High School trustee. The Reeve appointed Morden Bird first Auditor, and on motion of Mr. Boldrick, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, E. P. Parker was appointed second Auditor.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. McKee, that Jesse Barlow be appointed a member of the Local Board of Health for the term of three years.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. McKee, that Dr. Sprague be Medical Health Officer. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Boldrick, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, the subscription for the Municipal World was renewed for another year.

The following accounts were on motion ordered to be paid:
John S. Black, rent of council chamber, 1 year to Jan. 1st, just \$12.50
John S. Black, registration, postage, and stationery, 1896, 10.00
On motion the Council adjourned.
JOHN S. BLACK, Clerk.

It is with considerable pleasure and pride that we note the fact that one of our Stirling young people, Miss Helen Thompson, has won for herself an entrance into the Canadian Magazine, by the poem which we publish below. This first effort of Miss Thompson's shows much merit and much promise; and its ready acceptance by the Canadian "Maga" should encourage her to greater efforts and perhaps higher flights.

WHEN I AM DEAD.

When I am dead
Look lovingly at my quiet face,
And, in the peaceful features, note the
Given by kindly Heaven, my worthy acts
And, pitying, ignore each grievous fall,
And speak with loving memory and tender
Of gentle words I've said, of kindly deeds
I've wrought.

My friends whom I have wronged, come
then, and weep.
Kiss tenderly the brow so still in sleep;
Smooth back my hair with tender hand,
And whisper in mine ear: "We understand,
Dear one, the love that's been withheld so
long."

If there be one I've loved, let that one
come,
And, softly entering the darkened room,
Grieve over the quiet form so still and cold,
Calling fond memories of the times of old,
And whisper in mine ear: "We understand,
And speak of me with loving words of praise."

Oh, judge me not too harshly. I have
done,
To do the right; long weary battles fought
And many lost; remember those I've won;
Think of the tasks that I have bravely
done.

Make your last gift of love the very best.
That I may all the happier rest.
For I shall know it, and when beside
My last bed all the love denied
Is laid, is poured on my unconscious head,
From some far-distant star I'll watch you
shed.

The thought of sorrow: I shall see you touch
With reverence the form you'll love so
much.
—Helen Thompson, in January Canadian Magazine.

North Hastings Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the North Hastings Agricultural Society was held at the Stirling House on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th inst. There was a good attendance of members present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, after which the auditors report was read showing receipts, including bank balance, \$102.50 from last year, of \$83.43, and expenditure of \$64.81, leaving a balance on hand of \$148.62.

The report was adopted. On motion the Secretary was instructed to get a refund of taxes improperly paid to the township of Rawdon on a portion of the agricultural grounds.—Carried.

The President, Mr. T. H. McKee, reported as to efforts to get other grounds for show purposes. He said that a field could be procured from Mrs. Green, just north of the cider mill which he considered very suitable for exhibition grounds.

Moved by Mr. Halliwell, seconded by Mr. Scott that the society lease the field from Mrs. Green.

The mover stated that the present ground was so situated that it was impossible to have a good driving track.—An indispensable requisite to secure a good attendance at an exhibition. The ground proposed to be secured was capable of being fitted up for a good track; and it was just as convenient to the centre of the village as the present grounds.

Mr. J. Haggerty opposed the moving of the grounds. There would be great expense in moving the buildings, etc. He was opposed to the motion.

A number of those present spoke in favor of a change of grounds, after which the motion was carried with only one dissenting vote.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, as follows:
Thos. H. McKee, President.
John H. Reid, 1st Vice-President.
Robert Good, 2nd Vice-President.
Directors—Jas. Haggerty, M.P.P., J. M. Ashley, W. Ferguson, J. L. Scott, J. E. Halliwell, B. A., James McComb, Jas. Rennie, A. H. Corrigan, Robert Lanigan.

Auditors—Jas. Haggerty, M.P.P., W. S. Martin.

On motion it was decided to hold the show on the last Tuesday in September. On motion the Officers and Directors were appointed a committee to look after change of grounds, and make all necessary arrangements.

The meeting then adjourned. A meeting of the Directors was held immediately afterwards when Mr. Wilnot Vandervoort was re-elected Secretary and Mr. Peter Fargy, was re-elected Treasurer.

To the Editor of the News-Argus.
DEAR SIR:—The annual meeting of the North Hastings Agricultural Society was held at Harold on Jan. 13th, 1897, according to notice.

There was a fair attendance, and the Society's show was a success. The following officers were elected for 1897:
Jas. McComb, President.
J. M. Ashley, 1st Vice-President.
P. Cawley, Secretary.
John A. Heath, Treasurer.
Directors—John H. Reid, B. A., Daley, S. Cawley, James Armstrong, Duncan Nerrie, German Bailey, T. J. Thompson.

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OBITUARY.

ELIZA DECLAIR.

Whose maiden name was Kruger, was born in the township of Sidney in the year 1829, and fell asleep on the morning of the 16th of January, 1897. At the early age of 14 she was converted to God and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the year 1850 she was joined in marriage to John Declair. Her home was for over 30 years in the village of Stirling. Those who were associated with her in the church remember her fervent piety and zeal for the cause of Christ. Through cloud and sunshine she was faithful to her early vows. For the last five years, she was almost entirely bedridden, owing to an accident, she was almost a prisoner in her home. But though deprived of meeting in the church, she made her home the sanctuary where she held communion with her Master. Her last illness was brief. On Saturday the 9th inst. she was seized with an attack of chills and fever. Although she held communion with her Master, the thing was done by medical skill and loving care to save her life she gradually grew weaker day by day, and quietly passed away on Saturday morning.

LAMBERTSON WINSOR

Was born in 1830 on the Oak Hills, Sidney township. In 1850 he married Miss Amelia Sine, daughter of Aaron Sine, in the 10th Con. of Sidney. They had one son, now about ten years old. He resided for some time in the Rossmore and kept a general store. After leaving Rossmore he resided in Shannonville for a year. From Shannonville they moved to Wolcott, New York, about four years ago. Mr. Winsor had been a healthy, vigorous, active man until last March, when he was attacked with influenza, which developed into bronchial trouble and from this to consumption. Through summer and autumn he continued to decline rapidly. During the early days of December he was seized by his wife that he could not live long. Christmas week word came to the old home that he was sinking fast. His father at once left for Wolcott. Just two weeks after he reached there, on Tuesday, the twelfth of January, his son fell asleep in Jesus.

Early in January, 1896, during a revival held in the Methodist Church, He and his wife were converted and united with the church. His evidence of acceptance with God was clear, his faith unshaken, and he was the shadows of death deepened around him it was truly verified "At eventide it shall be light."

On Thursday at 2 o'clock p.m. service was held in the Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Moyau, preached an appropriate and comforting sermon from 1 Thessalonians, IV, 13.

Distribution of Samples from the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa.

During the past nine years, samples of those varieties of grain which have succeeded best on the Experimental Farms have been distributed on application in 3-lb. bags to farmers in all parts of the Dominion, free through the mail. The object in view in this distribution has been to add to the productivity and improve the quality of the important agricultural products throughout the country by placing within reach of every farmer pure seed of the most vigorous and productive sorts. This work has met with much appreciation and a considerable degree of success.

Instructions have been given by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to make a similar distribution this season. Owing to the very large number of applications now received it is not practicable to send more than one sample to each applicant. But with this limitation it is hoped that the stock available will be sufficient to permit of every farmer who so desires sharing in the benefits of this useful branch of the work of the Experimental Farms.

The distribution now in progress consists of some of the most promising sorts of Oats, Barley, Spring Wheat, Pease, Field Corn and Potatoes. Requests for samples may be sent to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, at any time before the 1st of March, but after that date the lists will be closed so that the applications then on hand may be filled before seeding begins. All communications can be sent free of charge. It is desirable that each applicant should name the variety which he desires to test, also one or two alternative sorts in case the stock of the sort chosen should be exhausted, while no promise can be made that the variety asked for will be sent, the wishes of correspondents will be attended to as far as practicable. The samples of grain will be sent early, but potatoes cannot be distributed until the danger of injury in transit by frost is over.

W. S. SAUNDERS,
Director, Experimental Farms,
Ottawa, January 5th, 1897.

Spring Brood.

(From our Correspondent.)
Revival services began here on Tuesday night the 12th inst.

Dysentery has again appeared, this time in the family of William McCann. One child four years old died on Tuesday night.

Wesley Mason has removed to Belleville.

Samuel Forrestell met with a painful accident last Friday while sawing wood with a circular saw at G. L. Burkitt's. He got his hand badly lamed.

Cash and One Price.

How easy it would be to take a suit of clothes worth \$75 and ask \$10 for it, and then say that it is the best bargain of the kind. But that is not what the customer wants to do business. He wants to get the best value for his money. Some clothing houses do business this way, but the terms at the Oak Hall, Belleville, are strictly cash and one price.

MONEY SAVED

TO YOU

By taking advantage of our

CLEARING SALE

Stock taking begins in a few days, and for the next two weeks we will give you some startling bargains for Spot Cash. If you are interested come and be convinced. Note some of our prices:

Men's Shirts and Drawers, Suit, \$1.20, for 93c.
Sheeting, 2 yds. wide, 15c., worth 20c.
The best Grey Cotton for 5c. ever offered here, during this Sale.

All Overcoats, Ulsters, Pea-Jackets, heavy Suits, Etoffe Pants at cost.
Wrappereites, extra heavy, 12c., worth 18c.
Wrappereites, in light colors, 9c., worth 12c.
34-inch wide Tull Flannel-ette 10 cents.

The best flavor and drawing quality you will find in the 25c. Tea sold here.

T. G. CLUTE.

New laid Eggs, good Butter, bright Dried Apples wanted.

NOTICE.

The Crown Roller Flour, and Lindsay Flour, Bran and Shorts, Buckwheat Flour.

Just arrived a fine lot of fresh water HERRING and SALT.

OUR TEA

cannot be beaten for the price.

A special line of BROOMS at 20c. each.

Will sell all goods Cheap for Cash, and will not be undersold, quality and quantity considered.

S. HOLDEN.

* WANTED *

100 Cords first class HARD WOOD, 100 Cords good quality SOFT WOOD, for which I will pay the highest going price.
T. H. MCKEE.

Ivanhoe.

From our Correspondent.
We are sorry to say our sleighing is all gone again. Our veterinary surgeons are very busy this last week, their medical aid proved successful. Revival is going on yet. About one hundred and fifty have made a start to lead a new life. The Holiness movement is doing a good work. Two or three accepted salvation in their regular meeting Sunday morning. Heavy rain here Sunday last. We are sorry to relate that when Samuel Tanner was on his way to Madoe the horses became frightened and broke his wagon. Mr. frightened and broke his wagon. Mr. Robert Stout, who was riding with him, became frightened also, but he had presence of mind to cling to the seat. Samuel got the furious team stopped, taking it cool, got a wagon from a farmer and completed his journey. —Mr. and Mrs. John Stiles were the guests of Miss Jennie Tanner on Sunday last. —Mr. Fred Stout, who was on the sick list, is able to be around again. —The farmers are all wishing for snow.

The writes for the bye-elections in South Brant, North Ontario and East Simcoe have been issued. In each riding nomination is fixed for Jan. 25th, and polling Feb. 4th.

The Great 85 Ulsters.

The Oak Hall are selling them fast these days. You see in Belleville has the best. We could easily raise the price to \$3 and then be \$1 under any other firm's lowest figures. We never do business that way. When the Oak Hall get a bargain the public reap the benefit. We want you to see this wonderful coat. We have one at the door, but different colors inside.

THE NEWSMAN A DUTCHMAN

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Associated for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Hog cholera is reported in Middlesex County.

The Ontario Legislature will meet on Wednesday, February 10.

Mr. James Hodge, of Hamilton shot himself dead on the stairs at the City Hall.

Another consignment of Lee-Enfield rifles numbering 2,000 arrived at Kingston.

Mr. Thos. Ross was killed by being struck by a tree in the woods near Tyndall, Man.

The resignations of the entire staff of the Ottawa Protestant hospital have been accepted.

It is reported that there is a great deal of smuggling in progress in the Canadian Pacific coast.

Five more pitch grass buyers will be placed on the shoals in the St. Lawrence River next season.

Owing to the lack of snow winter operations in the Gaitheau district have been temporarily suspended.

The failures in the city of Montreal during the past year were far in excess of those of the two previous years.

The Dominion Parliament will meet until March and the tariff proposals will not be brought down until April.

The Rev. George Clouthier, chaplain of the Stony Mountain penitentiary, has been dismissed by the Minister of Justice.

The will of the late James Hamilton, of London, Ont., filed for probate at that place, disposes of an estate of \$10,000.

Ratepayers of the township of Ancaster have voted a bonus of \$5,000 to the Hamilton, Chedoke & Ancaster Electric Railway.

An official announcement is made that the Government intend to consider the fact that the Government intend to repeal the Franchise Act.

A man named Apollidore St. Pierre of Painesville, Ohio, was charged with the building of the Canadian power tunnel has been extended for four years.

Mr. W. H. Walker, well-known graphite mine owner of Ottawa, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors the liabilities amount to about \$10,000.

Miss Grace Stearns, a young Port Rown lady, was taking a gun out of her father's room, when the gun exploded, entering her chest, inflicting a fatal wound.

The engagement of Miss Ella Walker, granddaughter of Hiram Walker, the millionaire distiller of Walkerville, to Count Manfred von Matschke, of Schloss Wilhelms, has been announced.

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GREAT BRITAIN.

Andrew Percie Bennett has been appointed British consul at New Zealand.

The Queen has contributed £500 for the relief of the famine-sufferers in India.

The Lord Mayor of London has started a fund for the relief of the famine sufferers in India.

It is expected that the new Canadian building at Biskley will be ready for the term next session.

The Duchess of York, daughter-in-law of the Prince of Wales, expects her acquaintance in April.

Mr. Labouchere will be the recipient of an banquet from the National Liberal Club on the 3rd prox.

The British Government has issued orders to the departments to confine their contracts to English manufactures.

The English hunting field this season has been remarkably productive of game.

Several serious accidents to members of the nobility.

The appointment of Carlos Villaverde, consul-general at London, has been approved of by the Queen.

The Prince of Wales has endorsed the term Diamond Jubilee, given by the Times to the celebration of the Queen's long reign.

Americans in London have subscribed for a loving cup as a present to Mr. Bayard, the American Ambassador, at London.

The transport Nubia, which arrived at Plymouth on Saturday morning, reported cholera on board among the lascars and British troops.

The Right Hon. and Most Rev. Frederic Temple, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, has been elected to the see of London.

Mr. Hay, who is reported as the likely successor to Mr. Bayard, the United States Ambassador to St. James', would be regarded as persona grata in London.

Mr. Gladstone has declined to become an addressee on the ground that the initiative should be taken by the government for a man of his advanced years.

The London Speaker commenting on the visit of Senator Wolcott to England on behalf of bi-metalism, says that the thing is likely to result from his advocacy of the cause.

Lady Selina Russell, who pleaded guilty on Thursday to the criminal guilt of Lord Russell, was on Friday sentenced to eight months' imprisonment without hard labour.

It is reported from London that the British Government have accepted a port recommending the speedy construction of the Pacific cable.

Lord Robertson, in a serious note of warning to the British Government on the subject of the feeling of India, has pointed out the danger of the prevailing famine and plague.

Lord Dufferin has accepted the presidency of a memorial to the British Government to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the death of the Earl of Salisbury.

While hunting with the Meynell hounds on Tuesday, Mr. Chaplin, formerly president of the British Board of Trade, was thrown from his horse and seriously injured.

The Canadian High Commissioner, has established new agencies in Ireland and Wales to take care of the emigrants to the resources of Canada.

The British Board of Trade returns state that the total imports for 1896, and have increased £25,117,677 over 1895, and the exports have increased £14,683,000 over 1895.

The Pall Mall Gazette, referring to the report that Mr. Laurier had declined the honor of knighthood, says that he has never felt that it was his duty to accept it at a future date.

Mrs. Gladstone unveiled the memorial to the late Mr. Gladstone in Hawarden Church. Before the ceremony of unveiling the window Mr. Gladstone, who was present, read an Armenian eulogy.

In response to a letter signed by more than eighty natural scientists, and art, Mr. Herbert Spencer has consented that a fund shall be opened to paint his portrait for the nation.

The detractors of Mr. Cecil Rhodes say that he is displaying his great power in the South Africa, for the purpose of affecting the English Parliamentary Committee, before which he will have to appear.

The Westminster Gazette on Wednesday gave prominence to a rumour that the Queen has decided to abdicate in favour of the Prince of Wales.

St. Storms continue to impede railway traffic in Missouri.

Bishop Hartzell, of Cincinnati, has started for Africa to establish a hospital at Liberia.

Jacob Whitman, aged 87, and Mrs. Rivers, aged 87, died at Deerfield, N. H., on Tuesday.

A despatch from Fargo, N. D., says that two children of John Pettit, of Hunter, were frozen to death in Sunday's storm.

Lawrence Wilson, one of the eight boys bitten by a mad dog December 1st at Baltimore, died at that place yesterday.

The Wyoming state general hospital at Rock Springs, Wyo., burned to the ground on Wednesday. One woman died from fire.

It is reported in Washington that Mr. John Hay, of that city, will be appointed ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Bayard is ambassador to England.

Commander and Mrs. Booth-Tucker have been invited to Washington by Mr. Hay to adopt a new style of cash box for their conductors, furnished with a new contrivance known as an improved receiver, which the moment the coin strikes the aperture causes it in a tight grip, preventing its removal.

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A severe earthquake was felt at Chetumal, Department of Yucatan, on Sunday. Some property was destroyed.

The principal physician of the principal hospital of Manila, died of the plague which has been raging in the Philippines since the outbreak of the epidemic in Manila.

The Paris edition of the New York Herald states that it can guarantee the accuracy of the report that Antonio Maceo is still alive.

The Warsaw doctors have decided that the Polish people, whose bodies were interred through a dread that they were merely in a state of catatony, is really dead.

A public meeting has been called, under the presidency of the Viceroy, the Earl of Elgin, to consider private measures to relieve the famine sufferers in India.

It is stated that the uncle of the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Devonshire, is settling in money until affairs are settled in regard to her employment with the Hun-Sing Kipsy.

Reports from Cuba attribute many murders to the Spaniards. Within a few days, the British Government has sixteen Cubans were found in one ravine.

Newfoundland Legislature opens February 1st. It is expected that it will be introduced by the Government favouring reciprocity with the United States.

It is reported at Constantinople that Bedros Effendi, the Armenian representative of the British Government, was assassinated two days after his arrival there.

It is stated in Vienna that Austria-Hungary has sent to follow France and Germany, and spend from eighty to one hundred million dollars for quick-firing guns, the artillery service.

The plague at Bombay.

Business at a standstill in the desert city.

Native Doctors Desert Their Post—The Centuries Overlooking—Difficultly in Burying the Dead.

A despatch from Bombay says—Every day the plague situation here becomes more and more desperate.

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THE FIELD OF COMMERCE.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1897.

The Dominion Government is being urged to take some steps to stop the harshness with which the alien labor law is being administered as regards Canada, especially at points like Buffalo, Windsor and other large centers. The Government is asked to stop in reply that strong representations would be made at Washington as soon as President McKinley's next visit. The Government will probably resent the subject unless the U. S. regulations are relaxed.

Mr. John W. Down, Canadian agent at Bristol, England, writes the following to a friend in Ottawa, the letter being received by the last mail: "The good crops in Manitoba and the Northwest, with advance of prices, are now getting pretty well known, and I am certain that if the people in this country can only find the money they will emigrate in large numbers next spring, and Canada will get the benefit. Hundreds are now writing for pamphlets, etc., containing information respecting the country."

A large delegation from the neighboring townships of Seymour, Murray, Brighton, the village of Campbellford, and other parts of the Ontario and Quebec counties, recently waited on the Dominion Government at Ottawa, and asked for the removal of what is known as Chisholm's dam on the Trent River. The dam was constructed about 65 years ago, with the double object of aiding navigation and floating more easily timber down the river. The Dominion Government granted an interview on Friday with the Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals. Blair presided over the delegation and introduced several members who advanced the claims of and argued strongly for the removal of the dam. The minister promised to look into the matter and remedy the existing evils; but was not prepared to declare the government's policy until they had further time for investigating and examining the Trent Valley Canal route. The minister further stated that if the dam should prove not to be an important factor in the construction of the canal, there would then be no serious objection to its removal. The delegation was delighted with the courtesy and patience displayed by the minister during the interview. All left with the most favorable impression of the new Minister of Railways and Canals.

Queen's Biography.

Richard Holmes, the librarian of Windsor Castle, is preparing material for the authoritative "Personal Life of Queen Victoria." The work is now in the year. The letter press will embrace a consideration of Her Majesty's position, first as princess and daughter, then as Queen, wife and mother, and finally as the death of Prince Consort. The writer has been authorized to correct certain inaccurate statements frequently made regarding the Queen's childhood, education and early years on the continent. The Queen herself will examine the manuscript, and the entire text and illustrations will be submitted to her.

Fish as a Fertilizer.

A communication has been received at the Fisheries Department, Ottawa, from a gentleman in Prince Edward county, asking for information regarding the proposed establishment of a fertilizer and oil factory. It is proposed to use in the factory the dead fish which are thrown up annually by the thousands on the shores of Lake Ontario. These fish have proved a perfect manure along many portions of the lake, especially in the summer time, when their rotting pollutes the atmosphere to the annoyance of the public. The fish are taken at pleasure resorts. They are known as Menhaden, and were introduced into Lake Ontario by the late Seth Greene, the celebrated fisherman who was a sea fish, but being migratory in their habits often find their way to fresh water. In the case of those planted in Lake Ontario, however, they have simply remained there and died by thousands every year. Factories similar to the one proposed to be established in Prince Edward are already in existence on the Atlantic coast.

A teacher near Delhi, Ontario, has offered to teach a school, sweep the schoolroom and make the fire, keep the windows panes and fence in good repair for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. The same person should have offered to do the same for the same sum, play the church organ on Sundays and call off all the local dogs.

The question is often asked "Does farming pay?" We give the following from the Brighton News: "A farmer in this locality during the past six years has managed to pay off a debt of \$10,000, including \$100,000 of mortgages, carriages, etc. This was done from a farm of 100 acres. How many business men have made that amount clear of all expenses?"

Bethel.

According to previous announcement the anniversary services were held at Bethel on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 10th and 11th. The Rev. J. W. Wilkinson of Frankford, delighted large congregations morning and evening with his practical discourses.

On Monday evening a very superior repast was served by the ladies of the congregation. After tea fine addresses were delivered by Revs. J. W. Wilkinson and C. L. Leitch. The choir discoursed choice music. Mr. Wilkinson also gave a few choice solos.

On Wednesday evening a social was held, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The proceeds of the services were \$70.84.

The Bible and the Monuments.

It may now be said without hesitation that the day when archaeology threatened belief in the ancient sacred scriptures has passed by for ever. Not only have archaeologists been compelled to abandon, or at least revise many of the conclusions which seemed positive many years ago, but those of their conclusions which conflict with the Biblical record, and of which the modern discovery, now rest upon no shaky a foundation owing to the discovery of others, that they cannot be regarded as serious obstacles in the way of faith.

As an example of the way in which archaeology has in modern days upset the theories of those who attacked the Bible with the feeble weapons of imperfect knowledge, we may take the story of the Flood. Many years ago it was the common assertion of infidel writers that no place for the Flood could be found in the records of the past as exhibited by excavated literature. But more than 20 years ago Mr. George Smith discovered a Babylonian account of the Flood which agrees in all essential particulars with that of Genesis. Sinuthos, son of Ubara-Tupa of Surippak, builds the ark or ship. The purpose of it is to preserve "all the seed of the world." Another account gives the name of the builder as Adra-Khasis, and he expostulates with Ea (God) that a ship never was made to sail over the land. The former account asked for the removal of what is known as Chisholm's dam on the Trent River. The dam was constructed about 65 years ago, with the double object of aiding navigation and floating more easily timber down the river. The Dominion Government granted an interview on Friday with the Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals. Blair presided over the delegation and introduced several members who advanced the claims of and argued strongly for the removal of the dam. The minister promised to look into the matter and remedy the existing evils; but was not prepared to declare the government's policy until they had further time for investigating and examining the Trent Valley Canal route. The minister further stated that if the dam should prove not to be an important factor in the construction of the canal, there would then be no serious objection to its removal. The delegation was delighted with the courtesy and patience displayed by the minister during the interview. All left with the most favorable impression of the new Minister of Railways and Canals.

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Legend of the Creation" is curious, but not so much as the fact that the fragments of Berossus, which exhibit most striking resemblance to the account of Creation in Genesis. Although no account of the fall of man has as yet been found, an archaic Babylonian gem represents a tree, on either side of which are seated a man and a woman with a serpent between them. Fragments evidently relating to the building of the tower of Babel have been recovered, and they also mention the confusion of tongues.

But perhaps nothing is more striking than the discoveries made about the Hittites mentioned in II. Kings vii, 6. The frontispiece of the tablet which is a reproduction of the famous miniature portrait of Her Majesty by Robt. Thorneburn. The other illustrations will include plates taken directly from the original paintings, many well known, and several less known portraits of the Queen.

Thus the criticism alluded to has been turned upon its author, who is shown to have himself been unacquainted with the contemporaneous history. The subject of writing these few notes has been to give a description of modern discovery, but merely to indicate the fact that archaeology, which 50 years and more ago was regarded as one of the best weapons of sceptical criticism has broken in the hands of those who used it, and in breaking has pierced the very heart of sceptical infidelity. "I called thee to curse mine enemies, and lo! thou hast blessed them altogether."

The subject of archaeology has been elaborately treated by many eminent men that have devoted years to the study of the subject. Prominent among these archaeologists are Professors Sayce and Rawlinson. The American Tract Society, New York City, issue "Historical Evidences," a dollar book, by Sayce and other writers, who deal with the Old Testament from the point of view of evidence from archaeology but from other branches of Christian Evidences. Prof. Rawlinson's "Historical Illustrations of the Old Testament" is a valuable treatise, of which an excellent edition is issued by H. N. Hastings, of Boston, who adds a highly important preface. Every student of the Scriptures should procure a copy of this book which costs 90 cents. The publications of The American Tract Society and H. N. Hastings are all well worth reading.

Let the inquirer after truth not be content with what skeptical critics say in regard to the attitude of archaeology to Scripture, but let him examine the writings of such an authority as Rawlinson or of any of the other really first class authorities upon the subject.

The Indian famine is increasing in intensity. Relief funds have been started in Toronto and Montreal.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Electors of the Municipality of the Village of Stirling.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Our unity of purpose has been graciously accepted over an election lately for the choice of councillors to serve for 1897, and we have been enabled to give a review of the whole matter. In the spring of 1896 much talk and speculation was indulged in to induce some one to supply a long left want in our midst, namely to rebuild and equip a first class roller mill, and as no one could be induced to take hold of the enterprise, the council and offered to any one taking hold of it a remission of taxes on the said property for a term of ten years. It was moved by F. B. Parker and seconded by Hiram Ferguson and carried unanimously, and advertised in our local paper here.

After due consideration and at serious risk, as the enterprise was not considered a profitable one, we were induced at a serious discussion to engage in it. We accepted the offer of the council for the remission of taxes for ten years, in terms to be a first class up to date roller mill. The mill was completed in about three months, and in order to satisfy the council and the public that we carried out our part of the contract, we made a public opening day, invited the council in a body and the public generally to inspect it, and the mill was pronounced a success by every one. And has since given the best satisfaction and brought a large increase of trade to the village. About the month of January, 1897, we received from the Minister of Education I think, informing the municipality that they could not divert any proportion of school tax for any purpose whatever. So the council like honorable men to carry out the spirit of the resolution, found another legal way out of it. Ferguson also dissenting. The best legal opinion was pronounced on its legality, and a bond was offered by us indemnifying the council against any loss to the municipality by their act. This was all done at the last meeting of the old council in order to ratify their former proceedings. And as the election for new councillors would be in a few days Mr. Ferguson would not carry out his former proposition and so persistently voted against it, however the majority carried out their obligations.

So the council proceeded at once to the election at the election of the new council whether they could put this man in the council again, with force enough added to carry out the obligation given to the promotion of the mill enterprise, and all the excitement was caused by this, namely to rob the recipients of the small pittance voted to them to engage in the enterprise. An election was held in due time and all the old council were defeated except Ferguson, as shown by the count on the night of the election. The council then, being wrong, asked the County Judge for an inspection of the ballots which he granted. The candidates were all summoned to appear before him, and about 50 votes were wrong, or not counted at all, and it was found at this count that I was properly elected and sworn in instead of Mr. J. Cooney. This has not been disaffected at all as they are still looking for law, I will not be a party to involve the municipality in a law suit over a protest or any other interference. I would not carry out quietly take the position, to which he is not legally elected by the majority of votes. I would just say while passing from this matter that I believe Mr. Cooney to be a man of high intelligence and were it not for the discordant noisy element which surrounded him he would have at once submitted to the result. I leave the majority placing me in the council.

Ladies and gentlemen voters, I have been your representative for five years in succession and you have again shown your confidence in me. I believe in your votes, which every candidate who sat and examined the ballots on the inspection ordered by the County Judge must at once acknowledge and I return with the kindest feelings towards you and my hearty thanks, and trust I may make myself more useful for your interest in the future. I leave the public to see the injustice sought to be done to us who have spent a large sum of money in the interest of our town, and cannot think but before the end of the year 1897 a feeling of justice will arise and calmer thoughts produce a better feeling one to another, that we may be enabled to do better. 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12 pairs of lined oil tan Mitts,

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all taxes on the Collector's Roll for the Township of Rawdon, not paid by the 1st day of March, 1897, that the Collector for said Township is instructed to collect the same forthwith from that date according to law. Ordered by resolution of the Council.
THOS. C. MCCONNELL, Clerk.
Jan. 11th, 1897.

Woman in Politics.

Outside our own Dominion the colony whose political fortunes are attracting most attention in New Zealand, which since 1891, has been setting an example in experimental legislation of the progressive type.

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Mr. Fairman is spending a few weeks with his family at Twined.

Mrs. M. McMillen has erected another fine building which adds to the appearance of his already fine home.

Mrs. M. McMillen, of Twined, spent Sunday with her niece, Martha Cook.

Mr. P. F. LeRiche spent a few days with his nephew, W. H. Kerr, of Thomsbury.

Mr. Kerr had the misfortune to break his leg by a fall last week.

Miss White is progressing very favorably with the scholars at the school here.

Let Him Down Light.

A man came in the Oak Hall, Belleville, a few days ago, and asked to see the cheapest suit and overcoat we could produce. We showed him a nice all-wool two-piece suit for \$5, and he actually told us that he never expected to get so good for the amount of money. We let him down light.

Sabbath School Convention.

The following is the programme of the North Hastings Sabbath School Convention to be held in the Methodist Church, Stirling, on Tuesday and Wednesday next, the 2nd and 3rd of February:—

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
Devotional Services—Led by Rev. C. L. Thompson, Music.
The Sabbath School and Temperance—Rev. J. A. Black.

The Sabbath School Requisites—Mr. W. S. Martin, Music.
The Home Class Department—Mr. Geo. E. Mack.

Winning the Children for Christ—Mr. B. Henry, Music.
How may the Sabbath School scholars be won to a deeper interest in the public Services of the Church—Rev. John Moore, M. A.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit for work—Rev. R. L. Edwards. Prayer.
Association of nominating committee. Collection, Closing Exercises.

TUESDAY EVENING.
Devotional Services—Led by Rev. S. Crookshank, M. A. Music.
President's Address.
Echoes from the Provincial Convention of 1896—Rev. J. C. Wilson.

Music.
The Sabbath School Library, its Purpose and Character—Rev. F. W. White, M. A.

Address—Mr. A. Day, Music.
The Unconscious Influence of the Teacher—Mr. W. Mackintosh.

Queen Dancers—Mr. A. Day.
Collection, Closing Exercises.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
Devotional Services—Led by Rev. S. Burns. Music.

Business, Election of Officers, Report of Treasurer, Reports from Township Associations, etc.

Mass Meeting of Children, addressed by Rev. D. Balfour, George Martin, Mr. A. Day.
Collection and Closing Exercises.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
Devotional Services—Led by Rev. J. A. Claxton, B. A. Music.

The Teacher in Every Day Life—Mr. H. Rollins.
The Teacher in his Study—Mr. G. T. Williams, Music.

The Teacher in his Class—Mr. G. E. Kennedy, B. A.
Better Teachers Wanted—How to Secure Them—Mr. G. Meiklejohn.

The Sabbath School and Missions—Miss M. Whytock.
The Sabbath School and the Fourth Commandment—Mrs. Hudgins.

Music.
How the Home can help the Sabbath School—Rev. A. L. Brown.

Discussion, introduced by Rev. T. Brown.
Collection, Closing Exercises.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.
Devotional Services—Led by Rev. G. Nickle, Music.

Introduction of Officers-elect.
Social, Political and Religious condition of the World in the time of Paul—Rev. C. L. Thompson, Music.

Paul—Life, Writings and Influence—Rev. J. A. Claxton, B. A. Music.
Address—Mr. A. Day.

Closing Devotional Services—Led by Rev. G. Brown.
Collection, Doxology and Benediction.

Ivanhoe.

From Our Correspondent.
Good sleighing has come at last, and the weather is severe but exhilarating.

Mr. John Stout and Miss Archibald of Madoc were the guests of Mr. Geo. Tummon, Sunday.

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Mr. H. Kerr and Mr. Geo. Ray were guests of Mr. Tanner, Sunday.

Mr. R. L. Edwards, of West Huntville, has been visiting friends in Rawdon, prior to his removal to Ormsby, where he intends to pursue his veterinary practice.

Mr. Geo. Tummon, Sunday.
Mr. Robt. Stout has taken the contract of erecting a telephone communication between the offices of our remaining Vet. Surgeons.

Miss Jennie Tanner and Miss Tillie Blakely have been visiting in Guelphboro and vicinity.

Rev. Geo. Tummon of Madoc conducted the anniversary services at Beulah Church, which were largely attended, as well as the tea meeting Monday evening, in spite of the inclemency of the weather.

Messrs. Stout and Hagerman were appointed delegates from Beulah Sunday School to attend the Convention in Stirling.

Mr. Albert Seeley had his cutter broken here Monday by a collision with a load of hay on the track.

Miss Bateman of Belleville is the guest of Mr. H. Dafeo.

At the next session of the Nova Scotia Legislature an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in that province will be introduced.

Hamilton city council has decided to pass a resolution to have the city to be ringed by a wall at eight o'clock p.m. during the months of January, February, March, April, November and December; and at nine p.m. during the other months of the year.

A despatch to a New York paper says Chicago has eight thousand families who are actually starving, and that ten thousand wives, husbands and children are begging for bread, and freezing to death in the cold weather that has prevailed during the past week.

The Bureau of Associated Charities is making every effort to relieve the distress, and has appealed to the Mayor for funds, and to a mass meeting to devise some means for relieving the great distress.

CLEARING

Cash Sale

CONTINUES

20 per cent off all Men's Suits.

20 per cent off all Boys' Suits.

20 per cent off Pea Jackets.

20 per cent off Overcoats.

20 per cent off Heavy Wool

Blankets.

20 per cent off Heavy Pants.

20 per cent off all Gent's Furnishings.

20 per cent off all heavy Dress

Goods.

20 per cent saved to you in

Cash if you buy now any

of these lines.

See our Cotton at 5c. and 7c.

T. G. CLUTE.

P.S.—Fresh Eggs wanted.

CROCKERY.

We have just received a large quantity of Crockery and Glassware which we sell at hard times prices.

TEAS.

We have a special line of 25c. Tea.

A carload of Bran and Shorts expected soon. SALT always on hand.

YOUNG FOLKS.

SOMEBODY'S MOTHER.

The woman was old and ragged and gray. And bent with the chill of the winter's day. The street was wet with a recent snow. And the woman's feet were aged and stood.

She stood at the crossing and waited long. Alone, unheeded for, amid the throng of human beings who passed her by. Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eye.

Down the street, with laughter and about. Glad in the freedom of school let out. Came the boys like a flock of sheep. Hailing the snow piled white and deep.

Past the woman so old and gray. Hastened the children on their way. Nor offered a helping hand to her. So meek, so timid, afraid to stir. Least the carriage wheels or horses' feet.

Should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came one of the merry troop. The gayest lad of all the group. He passed beside her and whispered low. "I'll help you across if you wish to go."

Her aged hand on his strong young arm. She placed, and so, without hurt or harm. He guided her trembling feet along. Proud that his own were firm and strong.

Then back again to his friends he went. His young heart happy and well content. "She's somebody's mother, boys, you know. For all she's aged and poor and slow; And I hope some fellow will lend a hand. To help my mother, you understand. If ever she's poor and old and gray. When her own dear boy is far away."

And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head. In her home that night, and the prayer she said. "God be kind to the noble boy. Who is somebody's son and pride and joy."

A LITTLE HERO.

I shall never forget a lesson I received when at school, says a correspondent. We saw a boy named Watson, driving a cow to pasture. In the evening he drove her back again, we did not know where, and this was continued several weeks.

The boys attending school were nearly all sons of wealthy parents, and some of them were dunces enough to look with disdain on a scholar who had to drive a cow.

With admirable good nature Watson bore all their attempts to annoy him.

"I suppose Watson," said Jackson, another boy, one day, "I suppose your father intends to make a milkman of you?"

"Why not?" asked Watson. "Oh, nothing. Only don't leave much water in the cans after you rinse them—that's all."

The boys laughed, and Watson, not in the least mortified, replied: "Never fear. If ever I am a milkman, I'll give good measure and good milk."

The day after this conversation there was a public examination, at which ladies and gentlemen from the neighboring towns were present, and prizes were awarded by the principal of our school, and both Watson and Jackson received a creditable number, for, in respect to scholarship, they were about equal.

After the ceremony of distribution, the principal remarked that there was one prize, consisting of a gold medal, which was rarely awarded, not so much on account of its great cost, as because the instances were so rare when rendered its bestowal proper. It was the prize of heroism. The last medal was awarded about three years ago to a boy in the first class who rescued a poor girl from drowning.

The principal then said that, with the permission of the company, he would relate a short anecdote.

"Not long since, some boys were flying a kite in the street, just as a poor lad on horseback rode by on his way to school. The kite fell from the string, threw the boy, injuring him so badly that he was carried home and confined some weeks in the hospital. The boys who had unintentionally caused the disaster, none followed to learn the fate of the wounded boy. It was not until a boy, however, who witnessed the accident from a distance, who not only went to make enquiries, but stayed to render service."

"This boy soon learned that the wounded boy was the grandson of a poor widow, whose sole support consisted in selling the milk of a cow, of which she was the owner. She was old and lame, and her grandson, on whom she depended to drive her cow to the pasture was now helpless with his bruises."

"Never mind, good woman," said the boy, "I will drive the cow."

"But his kindness did not stop here. Money was wanted to get articles from the apothecary. I have money," said his mother, sent me to buy a pair of boots with," said he, "but I can do without them for awhile." "Oh, no," said the boy, "I will do it."

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woman. "I cannot consent to that; but here is a pair of heavy boots that I bought for her. They will wear well, I think. If you would only buy these we should get on nicely."

The boy bought the boots, clumy as they were, and has worn them up to this time.

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THE COW ATE THE CAKE.

A queer incident is reported from the west district, Rocky Hill, Conn. One day last week when Mrs. Charles Gilbert returned from a brief call on a neighbour, she found one of the cows in the pantry. The horse had stowed into its capacious stomach three loaves of bread and a lot of cake. In order to reach the pantry the cow was obliged to pass through two rooms, between tables and chairs, and past a hot stove.

DOOMED TO DIE.

Doctors said Mrs. Ackerman, of Belleville would never get better.

SHE CAN LAUGH AT DEATH.

And the Doctors, Too, for Eight Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills Made a Well Woman of Her After Six Years' Illness.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 11.—If there's any one thing under Heaven that cures a man's pity it is a weak, suffering, woman.

There's any disease on earth that causes weakness and suffering in women more than another it is Kidney Disease.

If there's any medicine between Heaven and earth that will infallibly cure Kidney Disease, it is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Women rise up by the score and call Dodd blessed for his wonderful discovery that has made weak ladies and children strong where Dodd's Pills have been tried.

Let one of these grateful women tell her story.

"I have been troubled with Kidney Disease for six years. I had doctors, but it was of no use. They told me I would never get better. I saw about the wonderful cures of DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS and procured one box. Upon getting relief I continued to use eight boxes, and I can safely say I am completely cured. You may publish this as you see fit, so as to help some other person who may have Kidney trouble."

MRS. S. ACKERMAN,
North Front Street,
April 27.

DODD'S MEDICINE COMPANY,

of Toronto, are the sole owners and makers of this remedy in the Dominion. Write to them, enclosing price (50 cents), if your local druggist is not supplied.

A letter from Havana to the Times dwells upon the fact that the white element now predominates largely in the insurgent ranks. The worst elements have disappeared, and an independent Government, if weak, would be the best in the hands of educated and responsible men.

Piles Cured In 3 to 6 Nights—Itching, Burning Skin, Swelling, Itching, Itching In One Day.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment will cure all cases of itching piles in from three to six nights. One application brings complete relief. Also cures tetter, salt rheum, and other skin diseases. 25 cents.

Of 28,000 applications for patents in England last year, more than one-third are for improvements in bicycles.

STATES OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and that said firm will be bound by the oath of FRANK J. CHENEY, sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1930.

A. W. GLEASON,
Notary Public.

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Poor health is an affliction that is dreaded by everyone. It is the sign of approaching disease is usually met with an attempt on the part of the patient to check and kill it. Frequently, however, even the most skilled physicians fail, and the sufferer endures a weary round of agony such as those who are in the full enjoyment of health can have no conception of. But when a medicine is found that will cure its worst without being estimated in dollars and cents. It is without price.

Such is the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. McCauley, of Ashdown, Ont. Mr. McCauley tells the story of his wife's illness and cure as follows:—"For three or four years past my wife had been constantly failing in health. The first symptoms of her trouble were languor and loss of appetite, accompanied by bearing down pains and headaches, which affected her periodically. As time went on, the story of her kidneys became almost unbearable owing to their swollen condition. I tried many different medicines were tried, but with no good results. Last winter she grew so weak and helpless that I was obliged to seek medical aid for her, and accordingly sent her out to Barrie, where she received the best medical attention. The result of which was only slightly beneficial. On her return she was no doubt to the kindness of the journey, she suffered from a relapse and her trouble came back in a form more aggravating than before. I noticed in a paper which I was reading one day a testimonial from one who had been cured of similar troubles, although knowing that other remedies had failed in my poor suffering wife's case, there was yet a ray of hope.

Therefore procured a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills on my return home administered the first dose to my wife. It is perhaps needless to relate that before the first supply was exhausted she found great relief. My wife commenced to enjoy a buoyancy of spirits and kept on taking the Pink Pills with increasing good results. By the time she had used six boxes her condition had so improved that her neighbors were almost unprepared to believe the violent delirium of her own eyes when seeing the change in her appearance. Before taking the pills it was a severe task even to dress her, much less to do any household duties without the slightest inconvenience. Taking all things into consideration, I feel it a pleasure to owe to other sufferers to recommend these little pink messengers of health which stood between my well night distracted wife and the jaws of a lingering but certain death."

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I, WILLIAM WALKER, of the City of Hamilton, do solemnly declare that I reside at 41 Colborne Street, and am employed as passenger brakeman on the G. T. R. I suffered intensely with what is called Railway Kidneys and I had no relief, which became so severe that I had to leave my work. I had medical treatment, but without success. I took a great quantity of medicine and when I began the use of Ryckman's Kootenay Cure I thought it was only another experiment and could hardly trust my own senses when I began to get better. The pain gradually left me, my kidneys began to act with regularity, and now I am cured. I am forty years of age, have been with the G. T. R. for twelve years, and am now able to work every day, thanks to Ryckman's Cure, which I have pleasure in recommending to everyone suffering with Rheumatism or Kidney Trouble, and especially to railroad men, who are all more or less subject to diseased Kidneys.

Sworn to before J. W. SEYMOUR, Clerk, Notary Public.

HAMILTON, 25th Dec., 1930

TWENTY

YEARS OF LUMBAGO.

I, JAMES MUIR, of the City of Hamilton, Ont., do solemnly declare that I am at present employed as night haggamaster, across Grand Trunk Station, Hamilton. I was troubled for over twenty years with Lumbago, and at times was so severely afflicted that I could not walk. Twice a year during the time the pain was very intense, but the pain was constantly with me, and for about ten years I could not stand straight for a longer period than about fifteen minutes, when I would be compelled to lean over or stoop forward in order to relieve myself.

After using nine bottles of Ryckman's Kootenay Cure I am free from Lumbago and consider myself completely cured. I told Mr. Ryckman that if I felt no pain for one year after taking his medicine, that I would give him a testimonial, and as the time expires this week, I came to him without solicitation to give this sworn declaration. I conscientiously consider Kootenay Cure one of the greatest and best remedies for back or kidney trouble ever used by mankind, and wish my case to become generally known, as I doctored with five different medical men and was told by each of them that the pain could never be cured. I said to myself, "I will try Ryckman's Cure, and if it does not cure me, I will be satisfied." I said to myself, "I will try Ryckman's Cure, and if it does not cure me, I will be satisfied." I said to myself, "I will try Ryckman's Cure, and if it

